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Road painting for Hope Haven

Supporters of Hope Haven are invited to the parking lot in front of Carole's Old Towne Restaurant between 2 and 4 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 5 to participate in a fund-raiser for Hancock County's home for neglected and abused children.

Mary Carpenter, co-owner of the restaurant and President of Hope Haven, said she and partner Carole Riney mentioned to customers they planned to paint the pavement in the parking lot yellow as just a fun thing to do, but customers suggested turning the event into a fund-raiser.

Citizens are invited to come to the restaurant at 119 Main Street and make any donation, large or small. Each donor can write his or her name in painted strips that will measure about five feet wide. For more details, call Mary or Carole at 467-5687.

Blood drive

American Legion Post #139 will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross this Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the legion post on Green Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis.

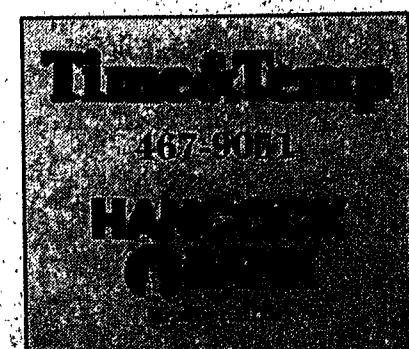
Christmas carols

Girl Scout Troops 342 & 447 will have a holiday caroling celebration in front of Wal-Mart at Waveland on Dec. 8 from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

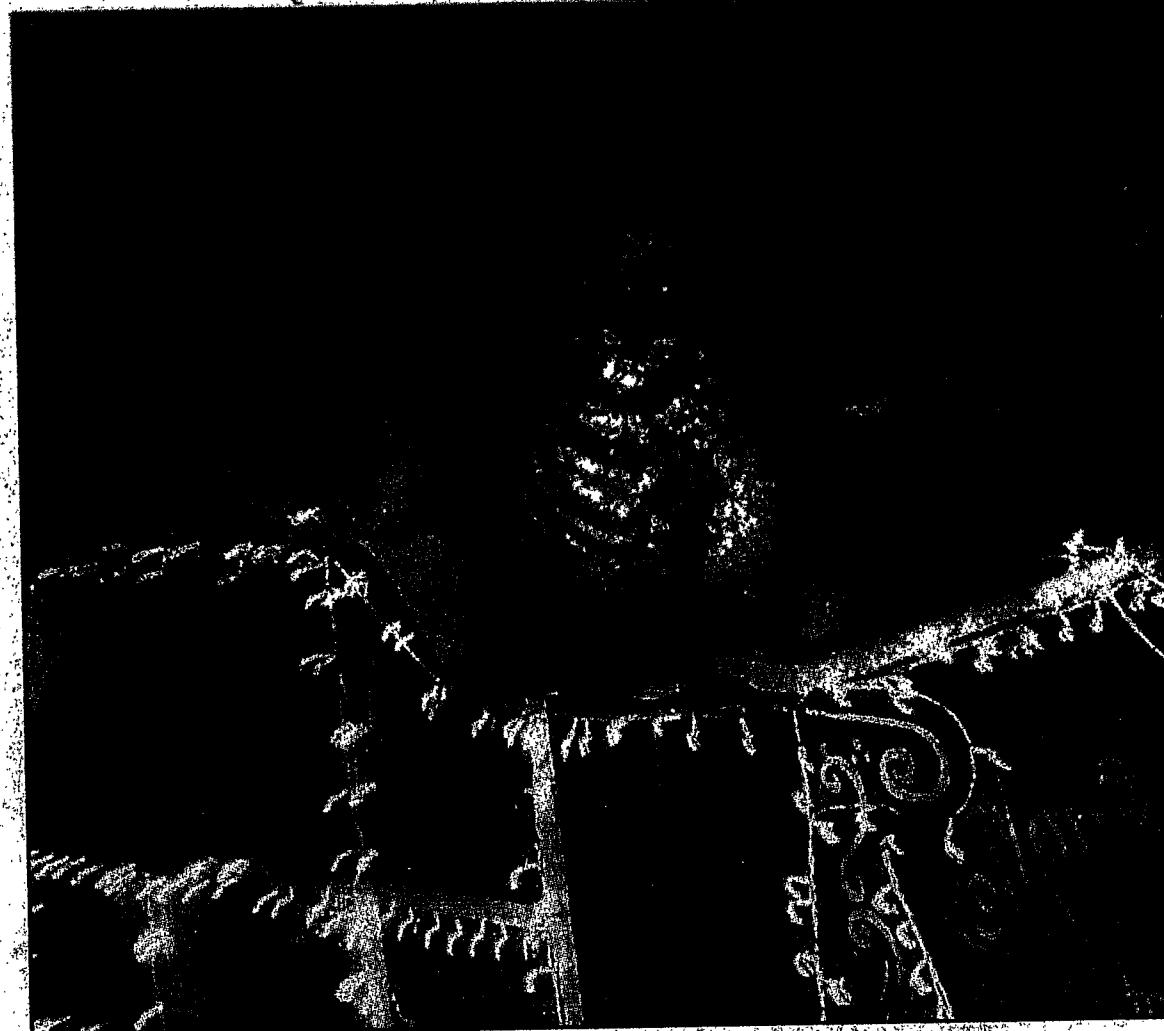
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Here comes Santa Claus ...



Christmas in the Pass

Santa Claus and his elves, above, ride the North Pole Express into downtown Pass Christian Friday night for the 15th annual Christmas in the Pass celebration to kick off the official holiday season on the Coast. At right, the Pass Christian High School choir performs Christmas carols at War Memorial Park on Scenic Drive just before the official tree lighting ceremony by Mayor Billy McDonald; and the lighted boat parade, which included boats from the Pass, Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Diamondhead.



McDonald to chair Wastewater Panel

BY ED LEPOMA

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald has been elected to fill the unexpired term of Harrison County Supervisor David LaRosa as Chairman of the Harrison County Wastewater and Solid Waste Management District.

LaRosa, who has been elected Harrison County Tax Assessor, resigned as chairman this week, and wastewater and solid waste management commissioners elected McDonald to serve out the unexpired term,

which expires next June 30. McDonald is not stranger to the job -- he previously served as chairman of the district from July 1998 to July 1999.

The district is composed of mayors of each city within Harrison County and one supervisor appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

LaRosa was the Board of Supervisor's representative on the board, and supervisors have appointed Supervisor Bobby Eleuterius to represent them on the board.

Second Saturday Artwalk set for the holiday season

A special Holiday 2nd Saturday Artwalk will be held in Old Town Bay St. Louis, on Dec. 11. This year the county has joined in the act, hoping to establish a caroling event that becomes a family tradition for Coast residents.

"There'll be a tree lighting ceremony at the courthouse at 5 p.m. with caroling on the courthouse steps," said co-organizer Ellis Anderson.

The county supervisors have asked that children make and bring their own ornaments

to hang on the tree. In addition, we'll have carolers roaming the streets throughout the day and several choir performances during the afternoon."

Old Town galleries, shops and restaurants will be hosting artist exhibits and special events throughout the day and early evening.

In addition, most merchants will be donating a portion of the day's proceeds to Save Our Children, a community-based educational program for disadvantaged children.

"This is a great opportunity for Coast residents to shop locally, support regional artists and contribute to a charity at the same time," says Vicki Niolet, who has been co-chair of the event for the past three years.

The music begins at 2 p.m. with strolling carolers making the rounds of Old Town (including the Depot area) from 2-5:30.

Open to the public, any

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Christmas spirit shines on Hope Haven shelter

BY ED LEPOMA

In the true spirit of the Christmas season, individuals and community organizations have come to the support of Hope Haven, Hancock County's home for abused and neglected children.

Since Bay St. Louis officials announced they were cutting from \$20,000 to \$5,000 its annual funding to the shelter, Hope Haven's Executive Director Terry Latham said the outpouring of support has been overwhelming.

"The spirit of Christmas is alive and well in our community," said Latham. "Hope Haven has been on the receiving end of the community's generosity and love, and there are more blessings on the

way." Structural Designs of Gulfport has donated \$8,000 worth of steel roof trusses for the new shelter, and it is now being stored on the building site off Sycamore Street, Latham said.

He provided this listing of other donations and planned fund-raisers:

Water Fun, the Bay's local pool supplier, has promised to donate \$1.00 from every Christmas tree they sell this year. It currently has 2,000 trees in stock, some of which are over 50 feet high.

Annunciation Parish Church held a golf tournament and donated \$1,500 to

Water World of Bay St. Louis has pledged to donate \$1 to Hope Haven for every Christmas tree it sells this season. Pictured is Gunduz (Dave) Yavizer, father of owner, Yavus (Romy) Yavizer.

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OBITUARY

LARRY CHILDRESS
DUDLEY S. DENISON
WOLFORD HAYDEN JR.
VERNA OAKLEY
EVERETTE PETERSON
OLIVER J. MADER JR.
LAWRENCE W. WILLIS

LARRY CHILDRESS
 Larry Childress, 45, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Dec. 3, in Waveland.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

DUDLEY S. DENISON
 Dudley S. Denison, 79, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Denison was born Oct. 11, 1920, and was a lifelong resident of the Coast. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gulfport and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was retired from Keesler Air Force Base as a shop foreman in the PME Lab.

Survivors include his wife, Verdia O. Denison of Gulfport; three sons, Dudley E. Denison of North Carolina, David Denison of Biloxi and Leslie Denison of Monroe, La.; two daughters, Elaine Rouse of Gulfport and Debbie Denison of Austin, Texas; three sisters, Ethel White and Beryl Netto, both of Gulfport and Nell Scheeler of Biloxi; a brother, Oscar Denison of New York City; and eight grandchildren.

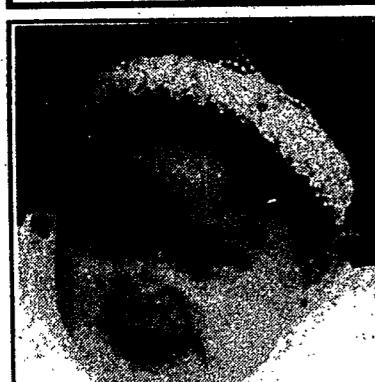
Visitation was Thursday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport.

Services were conducted Friday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

Card of Thanks

The family of Henrietta Kimmel acknowledges with deep appreciation your kindness, support, flowers, prayers and food at our time of grief.

Thank you,
 The Kimmel Family

In Memoriam
 In Loving Memory of
DRAVEN L. ARCHER

Dec. 1, 1998 - May 29, 1999

There is a rose that is fairest and sweetest, it's the one most cherished and loved;

It's the one God wanted for his garden;

So he transferred baby Draven above. Sincere and true in heart & mind. Beautiful memories she left behind. Happy first birthday to our little angel,

Sadly missed and loved by, Dad, sister and Archer family

In Memoriam
 In Loving Memory of
ASA C HILL

Dec. 3, 1968 - June 2, 1999

Happy Birthday Asa!
 It's been six long months since God took you in His arms.

We miss you and love you very much.

With Love from your
 Mom, Peggy, Aricia,
 Jeremiah, brothers
 and family

WOLFORD HAYDEN JR.

Wolford A. Hayden Jr., 79, of Waveland, died Friday, December 3, 1999, in Slidell, La.

Mr. Hayden was a native of Pass Christian, and a longtime resident of Waveland. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare's Catholic Church in Waveland.

He was a charter member of V.F.W. Post 5931 in Pass Christian.

He was retired from International Lubricant Company, Jefferson Parish, La.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wolford A. Hayden Sr. and Margaret Donlin Hayden; three brothers, James W. Hayden, Joseph C. Hayden, and Lindberg F. Hayden; and two sisters, Isabelle S. Hayden and Elizabeth I. Hayden.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria S. Hayden of Waveland; a stepson, Eugene E. Stanson of Gretna, La.; four brothers, Will Rogers Hayden, Christian D. Hayden, Gerald R. Hayden and John F. Hayden, all of Pass Christian; and two step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at St. Clare's Catholic Church in Waveland. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held there at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

EVERETTE PETERSON

Everette C. Peterson, 88, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, December 1, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Peterson was a native of Dunbar, La., and a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a Catholic. He retired from the Small Business Administration as a loss verifier after 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Poolson Mader; five sons, Bruce A. Sr., Brian A., Brent A., Barry A. and Bill A. Mader Sr.; two daughters, Barbara Mader Gaignard and Brenda Mader Quinta; a brother, Harold B. Mader; his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poolson of Bay St. Louis; 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Nov. 23 at St.

He was a member of American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard serving in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Green Peterson; his parents, Charles F. and Isabel Farley Peterson; a stepson, Norvin Paul Kelly; and a brother, Marion Peterson.

Survivors include a son, Eric C. Peterson of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Caroline P. Waldon of Slidell; and a grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted Friday at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

OLIVER J. MADER JR.

Oliver Joseph Mader Jr., 70, of Metairie, died Nov. 22, 1999, in East Jefferson General Hospital.

Mr. Mader was a telecommunications specialist for Electrical Sales Corp. for 29 years. He was born in New Orleans and lived in Metairie for the past 31 years. He was a parishioner of St. Philip Neri Church, where he was a eucharistic minister and lector, past president of the Men's Club and chairman of the Finance Committee. He also received the St. Louis Medallion from the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

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Visitation was Nov. 23 at St.

Philip Neri Catholic Church in Metairie followed by celebration of Mass. Burial was in St. Louis Cemetery No. 3.

LaManna-Panno-Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VERNA OAKLEY

Verna Ineta Stockstill Lee Oakley, 84, of Picayune, died Friday, Dec. 3, in Picayune.

Mrs. Oakley was a native of Carriere, a homemaker, and a member of the Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, J.C. Lee and John Oakley; a son, Stennis Eugene Lee; and one brother, Verge Stockstill.

Survivors include three daughters, Bobbie Jean Marshall of Leetown, Gearlene Fleming, of Picayune, and Charlotte G. Pearson of Caesar; a son, Adron A. Lee of Leetown; four sisters, Effie Jane Lee, Jesse Mae Hardy, Beulah Miles and Eula Lee, all of Leetown; a brother, Ardell Stockstill of Leetown; and 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. in the Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church in the Leetown Community, with the Rev. Lavell Lee officiating, assisted by the Rev. John Moore. Burial will follow in the Lee's Chapel No. 2 Cemetery, Leetown.

McDonald Funeral Home of Picayune is in charge of the arrangements.

LAWRENCE W. WILLIS

Lawrence W. Willis, 67, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Dec. 4, in Gulfport.

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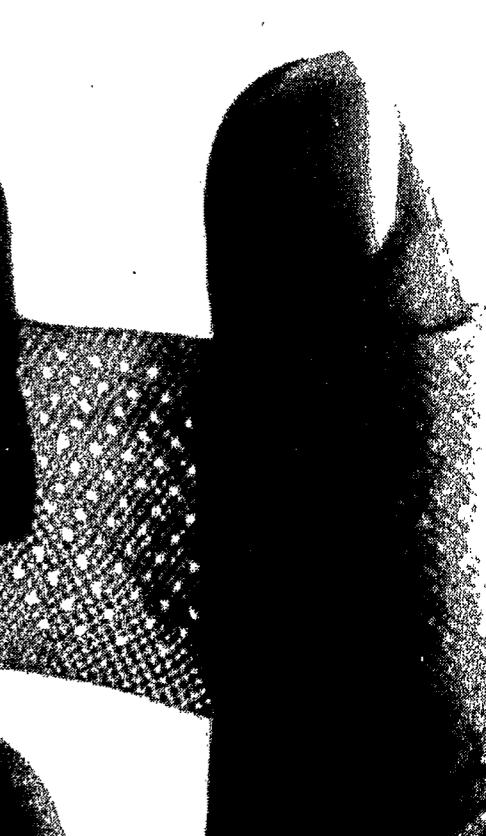
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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

A very important Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Home, Green Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis.

I realize that many of us are thinking about Christmas, shopping, parties, etc. which go along with the season, but a blood drive is very important for the community.

The Bay St. Louis American Legion has been sponsoring blood drives for over 50 years, and continues to do so because of the importance to our community's residents.

Remember, the need for blood is constant, as we have residents with such illnesses as leukemia or undergoing surgery, and they rely on volunteer blood donations.

A goal of 35 units of blood is set for Wednesday's drive, and I wonder if you will be one of those contributing to that cause.

The American Red Cross supplies blood to Hancock Medical Center as well as other hospitals along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Eligible donors need to be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have not donated in the past 56 days.

For those who may not know where the Bay American Legion Home is located, Green Meadow Road is off Blue Meadow near Winn-Dixie in Bay St. Louis.

For more information on donating blood or hosting a blood drive, call toll-free 1-888-432-5663 or your local Red Cross chapter.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce December Business After Hours will be Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. at Mary's Olde Town Restaurant, Main Street, Bay St. Louis.

Bay Carpet and Mary's Olde Town have teamed up as sponsors for the chamber's event.

Chamber members are invited to bring business cards or brochures to be placed on a special "Shop Hancock County for the Holidays" table.

As usual admission is two business cards, and the After Hours is open to chamber members and guests.

We hope to see you Thursday evening at the Chambers After Hours.

On Friday I was speaking to Charles Gray of the Hancock County Historical Society and getting an update on the Bienville statue and park next to Hancock Bank.

Gray reports the Historical Society is still selling bricks for the Isle around the Palm Tree at \$50 each.

Interested parties can contact the Historical Society at 467-4090 for more information.

This afternoon from 1 to 5, the Hancock County Library's Holiday Tree Gala will be held at the Bay St. Louis branch.

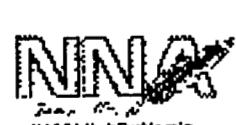
This is always a gala event for the county, and it is hoped there will be a large turnout from the community. This is one of the county's biggest holiday events.

Numerous Christmas trees will be on display, those decorated by students from many of our schools, as well as businesses, political agencies and industries.

We hope to see you at the Library's Tree Gala this afternoon.

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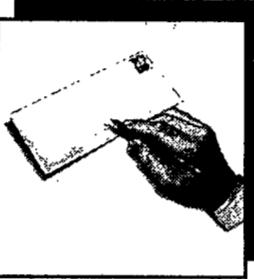
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HEADS WILL ROLL



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Every gift to Goodwill makes 2000 a better year

Dear Editor:

Start off the new millennium lighter and brighter—clean out your closets and garages and give your gently used clothing and other unwanted items to Goodwill Industries.

Donors get a tax deduction and a clean house. Goodwill gets additional funds for education, job training and job placement programs for people with disabilities and other disadvantages, such as welfare dependency, homelessness, and lack of education or work experience. Goodwill channels 84% of its revenues directly into its services.

This is the giving season, and every gift to Goodwill helps make 2000 a better year for the hundreds and hundreds of people who will be assisted by Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi this coming year.

Goodwill accepts clothing, household items, toys, computers, cars and other vehicles even those holiday gifts that weren't quite right. Businesses and individuals planning to jettison their computers before Y2K can give them to Goodwill.

Donors interested in claiming tax deductions should keep itemized lists of their donations. The Internal Revenue Service allows a deduction for

each item, but the donor determines each item's value.

Generally, an item's value should be based on fair market value—what the item would sell for in a thrift store. Goodwill provides receipts to donors at its drop-off sites.

Goodwill Industries International is a network of 182 local, autonomous organizations (Goodwill of South Mississippi is a member of this network) in the United States and Canada, and 45 international associate members in 34 countries.

Each organization serves people with disabilities and other special needs by providing employment and training programs, as well as job placement opportunities. Through its services, the network helps people overcome barriers to employment and become independent, tax-paying members of their communities.

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Technicalities

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
COUNTIES

Q Should a tax collector continue to collect taxes until his term of office expires?

A Yes. (Attorney General's opinion to Wood dated December 20, 1983)

Q What records should be provided to the new tax assessor and/or collector by an outgoing tax assessor and/or collector upon expiration of the term of office?

A Upon expiration of his term of office, the tax assessor and/or collector shall deliver all books, papers, receipts, assessment rolls, all personal property seized for taxes, and other documents pertaining to the office to the succeeding tax assessor and/or collector. (§§ 27-1-29 and 27-29-31)

Q What information should an outgoing tax collector provide to the board of supervisors?

A At the expiration of his term, the tax collector shall file with the clerk of the board of supervisors, on the first Monday of January, a list of all the uncollected taxes for the current fiscal year to receive credit upon inspection and

approval from the board of supervisors. (§27-29-31)

Q When must an outgoing tax collector make his/her final settlement?

A The outgoing tax collector shall, within 10 days after the expiration of his term of office, pay into the state, county, and other treasuries all taxes collected by him and payable therein, and shall make his final settlement with the county auditor and the Office of the State Auditor. (§27-29-33)

MUNICIPALITIES

Q May a municipality have unmarked motor vehicles?

A Yes, the board may authorize unmarked police vehicles on its minutes; a copy of the order must be furnished to the Office of the State Auditor. § 25-1-87

Q May a municipality allow officers and employees a monthly flat amount payment for travel made in their personal vehicles?

A No. Section 25-3-41 only allows travel in personal vehicles to be compensated by reimbursement on a documented actual miles basis traveled.



FROM THE SENATE

By State Senator
Trent Lott

Winning the ideological war against liberals in Washington

When I first came to Washington the notion of a rary support mechanism. Five years ago more than 13 smaller, more responsible, less intrusive government seemed extinct, and Congress made sure it was not up for discussion.

Big government had just begun an ascent. Today, however, not even committed liberals publicly tout bigger government ideology.

It failed, and everyone knows it. The left is simply trying to reinvent itself, watering down its old ideology while keeping its chin up for a sympathetic media. For proof, consider the past five years of conservative Congressional leadership, which has met a number of long-standing conservative goals.

Thirty-five cents of every dollar is spent simply on the administration of education, instead of education itself. That's a lot of money that never reaches the classroom, and it's shameful.

Today, we're working on ways to give local parents, teachers and school administrators the final say in the education of their children, rather than Washington bureaucrats.

After all, it's their money. Last, but by no means least, we have begun rebuilding America's military.

This administration in particular has allowed our armed forces to erode.

I was very happy to spearhead legislation that will provide our uniformed military personnel a long-awaited pay raise, strengthen the veterans' health care system and procure much-needed new equipment.

Also, despite the President's earlier objections, Senator Cochran led the charge to secure funding to deploy a national missile defense. All totaled, we have added more than \$44 billion to rebuild our military through improved quality of life, enhanced readiness and equipment modernization.

Protecting Social Security, balancing the budget, tax relief, reducing welfare dependency, less bureaucracy, strengthening the military, none of these are traditional goals of the left, yet they are either already accomplished or dominating the debate. The war of ideology is virtually won.

• Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to:

U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attention: Press Office.)

Keep up with the local news by reading The Sea Coast Echo!

Santa, Boomer and Louie St. Louis to visit Hancock Library's Holiday Tree Gala

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, from Boomtown Casino, Louie St. Louis theigator will visit the Hancock County Library's 1999 Holiday Tree Gala today, 1-4 p.m. at the St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir and the Bay-Waveland A Capella Choir will provide holiday music for the event.

The A Capella Choir will perform at 2:15 p.m., and the Rose Choir will perform at 3 p.m.

Other entertainment will include a special performance of holiday story by storyteller Gigi Hines. She will perform in Margaret Hicks Shadoin Children's Library at 1:30 p.m.

More than 60 local business organizations and schools will display decorated trees throughout the building.

"We invite the public to visit the library and enjoy an afternoon of music and activities,"

said Prima Plauché, library system director.

This year's event is even more special with the addition of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club's standard flower show, *Sparkling Holiday Treasures*, in the Seal Meeting Room."

Gigi Hines is a volunteer and performs motivational music for the at-risk children and teens at the Waveland Library Literacy Center.

She taught music at Hancock

North Central Elementary last year and was a part of the library system's summer reading program.

She enjoys working with children and plans to tell the Christmas story through song at the Holiday Tree Gala.

The Bay-Waveland A Capella Choir, directed by Mary Howard, began in 1994 and is composed of members from all occupations and religions.

Sponsored by Main Street

United Methodist church, the

choir performs at nursing homes in the area, the homes of homebound seniors and in special concerts.

Begun as a spin-off from the St. Rose Little Children's Choir, organized by Marilyn Smith more than 20 years ago, the St. Rose Gospel Choir is nondenominational.

Members are Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian.

The only requirement to be a member of the choir is to have a good voice and a desire to praise the Lord in song.

The choir has performed from New Orleans to Atlanta for such events as the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival; the House of Blues in New Orleans; the Biloxi Blues Fest; and everything else from county fairs and expos to weddings, funerals, revivals and conventions.

The choir's home base is St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church

in Bay St. Louis, where they sing every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. mass.

The flower show will be presented by the Bay-Waveland Garden Club 1-4 p.m. Any amateur gardener may enter the show.

Entries were received 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4, with judging beginning at 1:30 p.m.

For information on the flower

show, call Lynn Nybo at 467-

7019 or Alice Holmes at 467-

3710.

Susie Seal, Jean Ann Thriffiley, Regan Carney and John Harris will serve as judges for the Holiday Tree Gala.

The judges will choose winners in 11 categories, including Best of Show, Most Creative Tree and the Designer Award.

For information on the Holiday Tree Gala, call David Woodburn at 467-5282; and on the Bay-Waveland Garden Club's Flower Show, call Lynn Nybo at 467-7019.

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Sunday, December 12, 1999

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USS Kingfisher to dock, allow visitors

USS Kingfisher, (MHG-56), under the command of Lieutenant Commander Michael A. Hall, will dock at the port of Gulfport, 10:30 a.m. today, Dec. 10.

She will be open for visitors from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, and 12 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12.

Immediate family, friends, and guests, may visit at any time between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. invitation only.

Kingfisher will depart 10 a.m., Tuesday, for her home port of Ingleside, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Her executive officer is Lieutenant Commander William W. Cox of Bay St. Louis.

Upon her arrival in Gulfport, Kingfisher will pay a two-day visit to Panama City, Fla.

A diesel-powered coastal minehunter of the Osprey class, Kingfisher's hull is 188 feet in length, has a beam of 36 feet, and displaces 900 tons.

Maximum speed is 12 knots, normal armament, two .50 caliber machine guns.

Crewed by five officers and 100 enlisted men, her working equipment includes a SQQ-32 minehunting sonar (MHS), and a SLKQ-48 Mine Neutralization System (MNS).

The Kingfisher's mission is to conduct mine countermeasures

finding, classifying, and destroying moored and bottom mines, explosive mines, both vital waterways and the high seas.

The mission is achieved by utilization of the vessel's highly trained personnel in operation her sonar, cable cutters and, with the capability of being activated in both local and remote control - her mine detonating devices.

The ship's web site, for a complete history, color photographs, and statistics is: <http://www.spearr.navy.mil/ships/mhc6/> (There is no 's' following the last 't').

Lt. Cdr. Michael A. Hall, a veteran of four deployments in the Western Pacific, Indian

Asian, Mediterranean, Arabian

Sea, Black Sea, and extensive Caribbean Operations, is the holder of various campaign and service awards.

His personal decorations include three awards of the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and Combat Action Ribbon.

Of San Diego, Calif., he

earned an ROTC scholarship and was graduated with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, from the University of South Carolina. Lt. Cdr. Hall commissioned as an ensign in 1985.

On completion of Surface Warfare Officer School, San Diego, Calif. his assignment was to USS Wichita (AOR-1), homeported in Oakland, Calif.

This tour, 1986-1989, earned him his Surface Warfare Qualification, while serving as 2nd Division Officer, Ship's Maintenance Manager Officer and Repair Division Officer.

Being selected for a "Carrier Readiness Improvement Program" he was subsequently assigned as Boilers Officer aboard the USS America (CV66). This assignment lasted from 1989-1991, when he was selected for post graduate education.

Lt. Cdr. Hall, following studies at Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. earned his masters of arts degree in National Security Affairs, with a subspecialty in Strategic Planning.

Additionally, he received his Joint Professional Military Education Phase 1.

Completing his Surface Warfare Department Head Course at Newport, R.I., he returned to sea duty as Chief Engineer in USS Doyle, (FFG-39), homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Later, until 1998, he served as material officer on the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron 22.

At this time he selected for Lieutenant Commander Command.

Upon tour completion he reported to Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic, where he served as Force Mine Warfare Officer until May of 1999.

Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander W.W. Cox is a native of Bay St. Louis and a graduate of St. Stanislaus Class of '85.

He was graduated from Tulane University in 1989, earning a bachelor of science degree in physics.

The lieutenant commander gained his commission as an ensign in 1989 through the ROTC at Tulane.

His subsequent achievements in the Navy earned him the Navy Commendation Medal

and Combat Action Ribbon.

Of San Diego, Calif., he

(three awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, plus various campaign and service decorations.

Cox, a Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran, started his Naval career at Newport, R.I., attending the Surface Warfare Officer School on a Divisional Officer Course.

His first ship was the USS McInerney (FFG-8), 1990-1993, homeported in Mayport, Fla., where he served as Antisubmarine Warfare Officer and Navigator/Administrative Officer.

USS McInerney completed two deployments in that time frame including Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Maritime Interdiction Operations in the Red and Adriatic Seas, and assignments to the Standing Naval Force Mediterranean.

Next reporting to the USS Laboon (DDG-58), homeported

in Norfolk, Va. (1994-1996), he served as the commissioning Damage Control Assistant.

Following this appointment he attended Surface Warfare Officer School (Department Head Course) where with top of the class honors, he was presented the Navy League Award.

On course completion Lt. Cdr. Cox reported to USS Taylor (FFG-50). While assigned to the Taylor she completed a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, including operations with the Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, and Operation Determined Guard Stabilization Force in the Adriatic Sea.

Cox then attended Surface Warfare Officer School (Executive Officer Course) en route to reporting aboard Kingfisher.

Lieutenant Commander Cox is son of Evelyn Griffith Jacob and Jake Jacob of Bay St. Louis.

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Clues ACROSS

- Stake
- Seaport in Cameroun
- Adam and Eve's third son
- Judges' journey
- Implant
- Developer of sign language
- Flowering plant
- Nightengale, for example
- Imperial decree
- Drink
- Foot
- Whale
- Nodule or swelling, esp. a lesion characteristic of tuberculosis
- Type genus of the Laridae
- Limonite, for example
- Respectful, abbr.
- Becomes
- Type of motor
- Raincoat
- Soft-finned fishes
- Claudio ___, Chilean pianist
- Sparid fishes
- Polished
- Enter upon
- East northeast
- Allegheny plums
- Gets excited
- Christmas request
- Lake ___, one of the Great
- Carry out systematically
- Puerto ___, c. 1170
- Makes a choice
- Arthur ___, tennis champ
- Dried leaves of the hemp plant
- Bird genus
- Algerian city
- Patty ___, golfer
- Offers resistance
- Shade
- In bed
- Permit
- Internal secretion
- Searcher
- Displacement unit
- Placements
- Pigment
- Blind
- Clare Booth ___, American writer
- Brazilian river
- Encourage
- Negative remarks
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- Chilean seaport
- Type genus of the Muridae
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- Navigational device
- Render able
- Visionary

63. Carry out systematically

64. Puerto ___, c. 1170

65. Anglo Norman poet, c. 1170

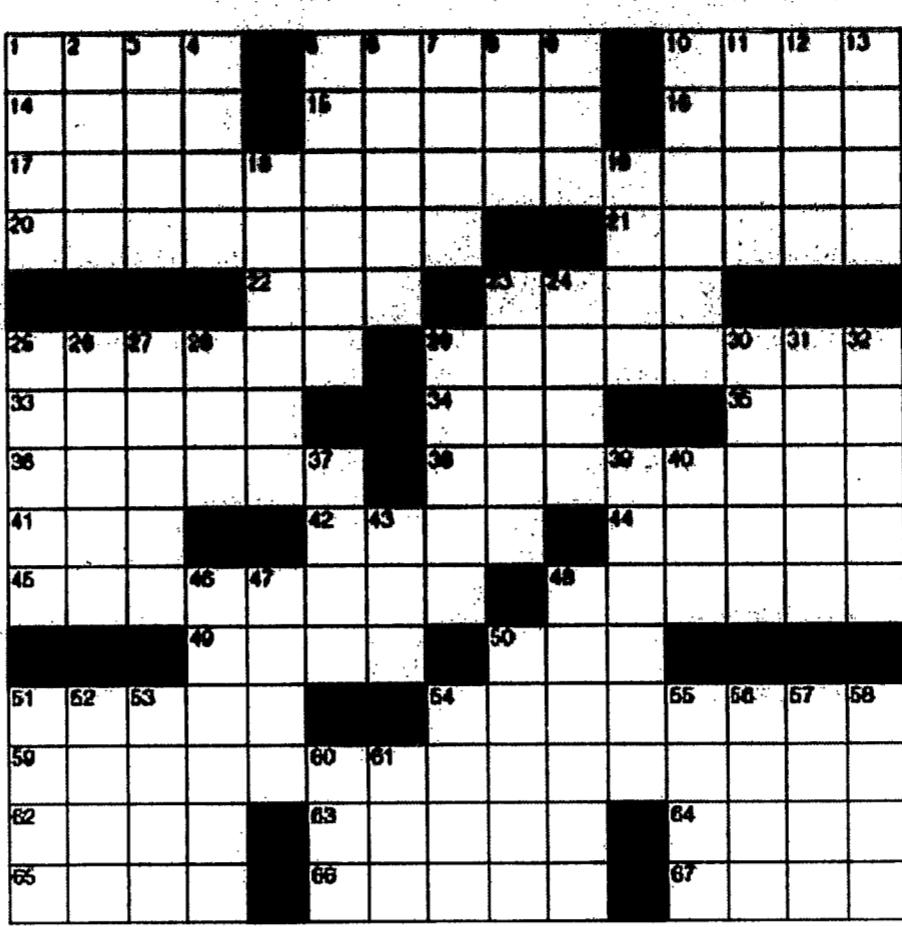
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Clues down

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Crossword Puzzle



- Most inhospitable
- Shape into a sphere
- Sea eagle
- Flycatcher
- El ___, Texas town
- Coalesces
- Max ___, Dadaist painter
- Merganser
- Constellation
- About ear
- Swine
- Biu-Mandara
- Flower arrangements
- Make into a print
- Apparel
- TV is transmitted at 30 ___,
- Letter of the alphabet

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

- Stob
- Duala
- Seth

14. Eyre

15. Embed

16. Epee

17. Star-of-Bethlehem

20. Songbird

21. Uksas

22. Tea

23. Pacc

25. Shamus

29. Tubercle

33. Larus

34. Ore

35. Hon.

36. Arises

38. Outboard

41. Mac

42. Eels

44. Arrau

45. Snappers

48. Urbane

49. Earn

50. ENE

51. Sloes

54. Bristles

59. My two front teeth

62. Erie

63. Phase

64. Rico

65. Wace

66. Sorts

67. Ashe

THE SEA COAST ECHO

6. Umbra

7. Abed

8. Let

9. ADH

10. Seeker

11. Ephra

12. Tees

13. Hemo

18. Obtuse

19. Luce

23. Purus

24. Abet

25. Slams

26. Haran

27. Arica

28. Mus

29. Tools

30. Chara

31. Loran

32. Endue

37. Seer

39. Barest

40. Orb

43. Ern

46. Peepee

47. Paso

48. Unites

50. Ernst

51. Snew

52. Lyra

53. Otic

54. Boar

55. Tera

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Sess

2. Tyto

3. Oran

4. Berg

5. Defies

Hancock County Alcoholics Anonymous

Group Name	Meeting Type	8:00 p.m. Camel CS
Monday		Friday
12:10 p.m. Camel OD	D'head CD	12:00 p.m. D'head CD
12:00 p.m. D'head CD	12:10 p.m. Camel OD	5:30 p.m. Camel CD
5:30 p.m. Camel CD	8:00 p.m. Camel CD	8:00 p.m. Kiln OD
8:00 p.m. Camel CD	Saturday	8:00 p.m. Kiln OD
Tuesday		12:10 p.m. Camel Group
12:10 p.m. Camel OD	OD	12:10 p.m. Camel Group
5:30 p.m. Camel CD	OD	8:00 p.m. Camel Group
7:30 p.m. Chip-In DC	OD	8:00 p.m. Kiln Group
8:00 p.m. Camel CD	OD	8:00 p.m. Kiln Group
8:00 p.m. Kiln OD	OD	Sunday
Wednesday		11:00 a.m. Camel OD
12:10 p.m. Camel OD	OD	8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed
5:30 p.m. Camel CD	OD	OD
8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed OD	OD	7:00 p.m. Camel CS
8:00 p.m. Camel CD	OD	OD-Open discussion
8:00 p.m. Coleman (Gay) CD	OD	CD-Closed discussion
12:10 p.m. Camel OD	CS-Closed step study	CS-Closed step study
5:30 p.m. Camel CD		

Groups and their meeting locations include Mustard Seed Group, Christ Episcopal Church's Virginia Hall, South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis; Camel Group, The Rebos Club, 300 Third St., Bay St. Louis; Kiln Group, Community Center, Hwy. 43, Kiln.

The Diamondhead Group, Diamondhead Community Center.

Coleman Avenue Group (Gay), 307-J Coleman Ave. (upstairs), Waveland; Kiln Group, St. Matthews Church, Hwy. 603; Chip-In Group, St. Stephen Catholic Church Hall, DeLisle.

Alanon and Alanon ACOA meet Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Diamondhead. Help Number 467-8556

Conference on autism set in Biloxi

A second annual statewide conference in Biloxi Jan. 10-11 will focus on practical applications for supporting persons with autism and their families.

The conference -- "Autism Spectrum Disorders: Connecting Partners and Practices in School, Community and Home" -- will be held at the Beau Rivage hotel.

It will be spearheaded by the University of Southern Mississippi-based Institute for Disability Studies in collaboration with the Mississippi state departments of Health, Mental Health and Education, and the Developmental Disabilities Council.

Local and nationally recognized speakers and practitioners -- as well as parents of children with autism -- will address current information on medical and drug advancements, relationship-based therapy, sensory integration approaches, social skill development, structured teaching, and transitional support systems for children with autism.

and their families. "There will be vendors, resources and a poster session on successful practices in schools, homes and the communities," said an IDS spokesperson.

"Participants will be encouraged to share their successes and to network for additional supports when returning to their respective positions."

IDS officials said that within the past 10 years, nationally and in Mississippi, the number of children with autism and related disorders has substantially increased.

Parents, professionals and agency personnel are actively

seeking current, reliable and valid information that will assist them in providing appropriate care and services for children and adults with autism.

The goal of the conference is to bring this information to Mississippi participants.

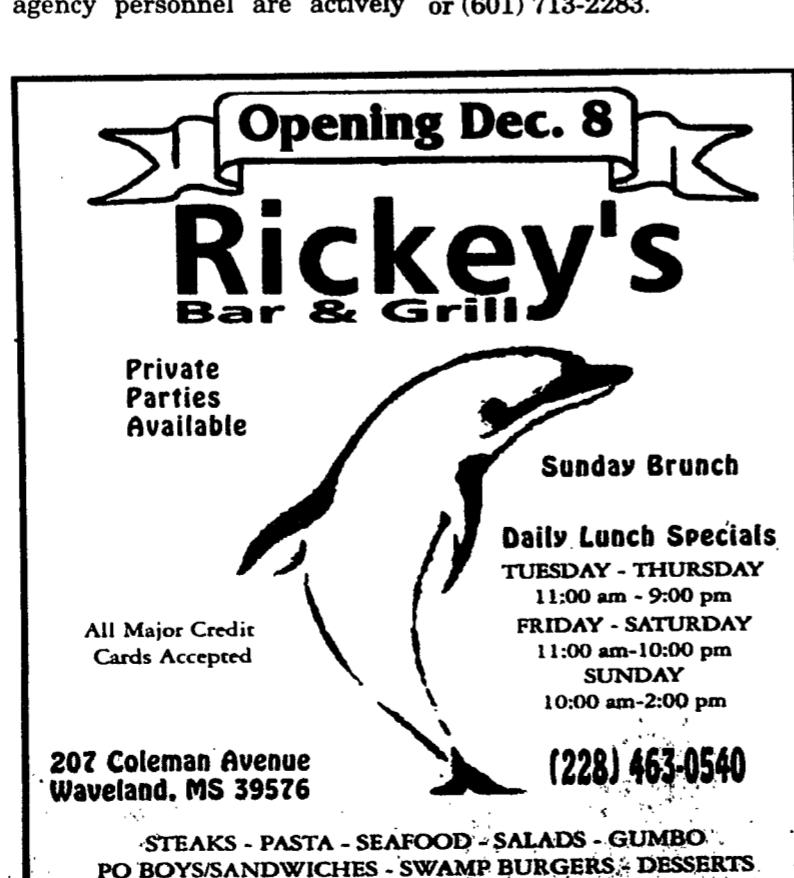
Limited scholarship funding is available to support the registration fee for family members and pre-registration for the conference is encouraged.

Additional information and registration brochures can be acquired through the Institute for Disability Studies by calling 1-800-467-4488, (601) 266-5163 or (601) 713-2283.

Bay High SADD talent show

Bay High SADD will be having its annual Talent Show this Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bay High auditorium.

Students from North Bay and Waveland elementary, Bay Middle School and Bay High School are all involved in the show.



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SPORTS

Rocks storm Falcons 92-60, look to showdown

BY HUNTER DAWKINS

"It was the tale of two cities", as the game was called by St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw head basketball coach Jay Ladner called the Saturday basketball game between the SSC Rocks and Ben Franklin Falcons.

The Rock-a-chaws playing a severely mediocre first half, busted loose in the second half and pummeled the Falcons by holding them to ten points in the second half and winning 92-60.

The Rocks traveled to the UNO Lakefront campus in New Orleans on Saturday afternoon to take on the Falcons.

Seniors Ben Ladner and Steven Peterman dominated the post early and often by scoring some quick buckets off the block on some nice passing by junior guard J.R. Willis.

Then, senior forward Zeke Davis forced a couple of Falcon turnovers which led to Willis and Brandon Arcement knocking down a couple of three-

pointers ending the first period with a lead of eight in favor of SSC.

The Falcons put the fight to the Rocks in the second period, led by Marcus Spears and Matt Preston.

Spears and fellow Falcon teammate Donnie Carmon forced the Rocks into three straight turnovers and Spears capitalized by hitting three treys in a row.

Then, Carmon made a crucial pass to teammate Rob Brown,

who hit a three while fouled and converted the four point play.

The Rocks, however, battled and scrapped with senior postman Peterman and junior guard Jason Santiago leading the way. The Rocks fought hard the rest of the half and came out with a six point lead, 56-50, at the half.

The second half, as they say, was all she wrote. The Rocks came out and played with tremendous fire and gusto led by Willis.

Also leading the charge for

SSC was Davis, Dawson McCall, Aaron Dunklin, and Lee Howard.

The Rocks scored 36 points in the second half and held the Falcons to a minuscule 10 points.

Rock-a-chaw coach Jay Ladner said, "We gave up too many points in the first half, but played well in the second half. It was a tale of two cities, tonight. J.R. Willis played well in all areas and hustled, but all the players improved in the second half.

With 13, Howard with 11, and Davis with 10.

The Rocks improve to 7-2 overall and 1-0 in district play, but the Rocks will face one of their first tests in a Friday night showdown in Bay St. Louis against the visiting Picayune Maroon Tide, who beat the Rocks four times last year including the District championship and South State Consolation game which kept the Rocks from going to the State Tournament.

Picayune now is without high school All-American and Indiana Pacers forward Jonathan Bender, who led Picayune to the State Tournament and skipped college for the NBA.

Steven Peterman and J.R. Willis had double-doubles with 18 points, 11 rebounds and 12 points, 10 assists; respectively.

Peterman is one of the Coast's leading scorers averaging 18.4 points a game, while Willis is one of the leaders in assists averaging 5.7 a game.

Both led a group of 5 players in double digits including Santiago

for the N.B.A.

"It's a huge game for us on

Friday", said Coach Ladner.

"Picayune has a good basketball team, and we will have to play our best to win."

Sea Wolves drop three over weekend

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Mississippi Sea Wolves dropped three games last week and tumbled to 7-12-1 overall and eighth place in the Southwest Division of the ECHL.

On Thanksgiving night, Mississippi lost Jacksonville, Baton Rouge on Friday, and Augusta at home on Saturday.

Mississippi fell 7-5 to the Lizard Kings on Turkey Day after mounting a furious comeback in the third period. On Friday, the Kingfish handed the Sea Wolves their sixth consecutive road loss with a 4-1 outcome. The Sea Wolves are 1-7-0 on the road this season.

On Saturday, the Sea Wolves fell in a shootout 3-2 to a strug-

gling Lynx team in the Wolves Den.

Some news worth noting is the fact that the Sea Wolves lead the league in shots per game with 35.75 and penalty minutes with 665. The Sea Wolves are also second in the league with six shorthanded goals this season. All six have come at home in the Wolves

Den.

The Sea Wolves played host to division leader Birmingham Bulls for the second time this season.

At press time, details of the game were not available.

Ticket for all Sea Wolves home games are on sale at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and all Ticketmaster outlets.

USM alumni to hold Liberty Bowl Blowout

The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association is taking its Liberty Bowl celebration right to the heart of Memphis.

The Southern Miss Liberty Bowl Blowout, set for 2-6:30 p.m., Dec. 30, will take over the 100 block of Historic Beale Street in downtown Memphis, giving Golden Eagle fans six different places to party.

Southern Miss will meet Colorado State in the AXA Liberty Bowl Dec. 31 in Memphis. The 4 p.m. contest will be nationally televised by ESPN.

"From everything I've heard, people are really getting excited."

"The places are all right in the heart of Beale Street, so people can come and go," Pierce said. "Each place will have music, so you can find what you want to hear."

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available at each place, along with complementary soft drinks. There will also be a cash bar at each of the six spots.

The Liberty Bowl Blowout should get the ball rolling for Southern Miss faithful. The alumni association has reserved six clubs on Beale Street -- Rum Boogie Cafe, Mr. Handy's Blues Hall, King's Palace Cafe, Beale Street Tap Room, Blues City Cafe and Alfred's -- for the party, Pierce said.

"This will be great way for Southern Miss fans and alumni to get together and get in a festive mood for the Liberty Bowl," he said.

Tickets for the Liberty Bowl Blowout are \$15 each, and only 1,500 will be sold. Tickets can be purchased from the Southern Miss Ticket Office in the Ferlise Center on campus, or through the university's website at www.usm.edu.

Tickets may also be ordered by phone at 800-844-8425, or 601-266-5418.

Conservation Corner: Roosevelt to retrace great-grandfather's footsteps

The time is 1902. The place is Faulkner country. Our guest is President Theodore Roosevelt. The President came to Mississippi to campaign since the state's governor had attacked Roosevelt on his social policies. Since Roosevelt had already acquired notoriety as a hunter, a hunting trip was a natural choice.

Upon his arrival, Roosevelt proceeded on a bear hunt. Bears were elusive the first day; on the second day, they were more cooperative.

The President's guide, Holt Collier, tied a huge bear to a tree. Collier called the President, who came running with his rifle in hand. Roosevelt refused to shoot the defenseless bear. The story spread and hence the "teddy bear" was born to honor Roosevelt's conservation ethic.

Roosevelt's concern enabled him to be the pioneer of our first environmental agenda. In 1905 he worked with Congress to reserve to itself and the President the right to create federal wildlife refuges.

He created the Forest Service - my former boss, Mike

Dombeck, is now its chief. In 1907 he signed the Agricultural Appropriations Act which stated that the Forest Service shall aid in enforcement to protect wildlife. Senator Thad Cochran is the current chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

Ninety-seven years later, his great-grandson is returning to Mississippi. However, this time no bear will be shot. Next week, Theodore Roosevelt IV, a New York investment executive, will come to Mississippi to retrace his great-grandfather's footsteps.

What's his real agenda, you ask? Simply to call attention to the need to restore the bottomland hardwood forests that support a diversity of species. And, yes, that includes black bear.

What will he do while he is in the Magnolia State? He'll talk with key conservation leaders about bottomland hardwood restoration. In addition to a social for the Black Bear Conservation Committee, he will speak at the Old Vicksburg Courthouse at 1:30 p.m. on December 13.

He'll even headline a fund raiser in Jackson to raise funds for the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

After almost a century, President Roosevelt's conservation legacy lives on and his family continues to contribute to Mississippi's conservation efforts. Yes!

James L. Cummins, Jr. is executive director of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Stoneville.

Known as "Wildlife Mississippi," the foundation is a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant resources throughout Mississippi.

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Births

BROOKLYNN LEE

LADNER
Mr. and Mrs. Shea M. Ladner of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Brooklynn Lee, Nov. 23, 1999 at 10:14 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Ladner is the former Desiree Day.

Maternal grandmother is Sandra Day of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Gail Ladner of Necessity Crossing.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Day Sr., Margaret Day, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ladner and Ethelyne Ladner.

Brooklynn is welcomed by her brother, Brendon.

ELAINE WHITTY**CHISHOLM**

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Chisholm of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Elaine Whitty, Nov. 20, 1999 at 12:16 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

Hannah Michelle is welcomed by her sister, Amanda.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

ounces.

Mrs. Chisholm is the former Miss Wiegers.

Maternal grandparents are Ben and Johanna Wiegers of Mobile, Ala.

Paternal grandparents are James and Elaine Chisholm of Boston, Mass.

Elaine is welcomed by her sister, Allison, and her brother, William.

HANNAH VIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher M. Vial of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Michelle-Antha, Nov. 23, 1999 at 5:15 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mrs. Vial is the former Pandora Mitchell.

Maternal grandparents are Peggy and Jimmy Mitchell of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Patricia and Emile Vial of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents include Iola Vial of Bay St. Louis and Pauline Bilbrey of Bay St. Louis.

Hannah Michelle is welcomed by her sister, Amanda.

St. Stanislaus/Our Lady Academy perform 'Cyrano de Bergerac'

The SSC/OLA Drama Club, under the direction of Terry Carr, is currently rehearsing a one-act adaptation of Edmund Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*, set in 17th century France and based on a real cavalier named Cyrano de Bergerac.

The play tells the story of unrequited love and a transformation of values from outward appearances to the inner soul. There will be a community performance on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Saint Stanislaus Resource Center. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. The Drama Club will perform in contest at the South Mississippi Drama Festival on the USM Campus in Hattiesburg Dec. 10-11.

The cast, in order of appearance: Mother Margaret, Roxane McCullough; Sister Martha,

Meaghan Donohoe; Sister Claire, Ashley Timidaski; Roxane, Mary Ladner; Duenna, Cathy Fonte; Le Bret, B. J. Peraita; The Cavalier, David Billiot;

The Boor, James Moran; Cyrano de Bergerac, Dustin Tasker; Ragueneau, Sam Slater; Christian, T. J. McKeough; Party Girl, Colleen Bartholomew; Cavalier No. 2, Neil Norton; Cavalier No. 3, John Waterman; Cavalier No. 4, Todd Geary; Student co-directors, Neil Norton and Sam Slater; costumes, Meaghan Donohoe; stage crew, John Waterman, chairman, Todd Geary, Cathy Fonte and Colleen Bartholomew; and lights, Josh Schmitt.

For information, contact Brother Charles Schilling, SC, at 228-467-9057 ext. 357 or by

Carey College Theatre presents 'The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf'

The William Carey College Theatre will present "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" by Joseph Robinette, as its annual play especially for children.

Following a tradition of 31 years, the production is co-sponsored by the Hattiesburg Arts Council.

Is the Big Bad Wolf really that bad? Is he guilty of the crimes credited to him throughout the fairy-tale world?

Judge Wise O. AL (Jonathan Watts of McComb) attempts to find out the truth when the Big Bad Wolf (Jarrod Hegwood of Hammond) comes before him in a court of law.

Three media savvy newsmen, the reporter (Emanuel Buckley of Hattiesburg), the newscaster (Joseph Brack of Whitman, Mass.), and the town crier (Amanda Hughes of Louisville, Ky.) keep the public informed as the trial begins.

Brought up on charges by the Three Little Pigs (Jenifer Azulay of Ormond, Fla.; Kristi Allen of Biloxi; and Hannah Wilkerson of Huntsville, Ala.), the wolf must face a jury of his peers including Little Miss Muffet (Cindy Parnell of Southaven), Little Red Riding Hood (Candace Perez of Ocean Springs), Old King Cole (Chris Gaskin of West Point), Jack and Jill (Matthew Thomas Smith of

Meridian), and Denise Calegan of Carriere), and Mistress Mary (Kristina Lucka of Bratislava, Slovakia).

Also helping to examine the wolf's guilt or innocence is Little Bo Peep (Tabitha Frizzell of Florence), Jack Sprat (Jonathan Hill of Southaven), Mrs. Sprat (Heather Robinson of Brandon), Tom, Tom the Piper's Son (Matthew Smith of McComb), the clerk (Jonathan Pope Evans of Falkville, Ala.), a surprise witness (Karen Bowby of Zachary, La.), and Cinderella (Kelly James of Meridian).

The production is directed by Darren Van Michael of the WCC theatre faculty. Set design is by Tony Bullock, a theatre major from Picayune.

Set and costume designs are by Shannon Robert of the WCC theatre faculty. Sound designer and assistant director is Leslie Barker of Clinton. Stage manager is Katie Hurtienne of Hattiesburg.

Performances in the O. L. Quave Theatre on the Hattiesburg campus of WCC are December 14 through 15 at 7 p.m., and 16 through 17 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The box office is open weekdays from 1 until 4 p.m. beginning Thursday, December 9, and seats may be reserved by calling 582-6221. All tickets are \$3 each.

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USM scholarship recipients honored

Four Gulf Coast students were honored as scholarship recipients by the University of Southern Mississippi during a reception earlier this fall.

USM honors its scholarship recipients each fall by bringing them together with scholarship donors, administration, faculty and staff in their college for a special afternoon.

The receptions give the scholars a chance to meet and thank their donor, as well as talk informally with others.

Coast recipients include:

Jeffery Holifield of Long Beach, who received the Edna Daves Yarbrough scholarship, which is based on Christian dedication, belief in God, financial need and a high respect for the United States government.

A 22-year-old senior majoring in finance, Holifield is the son of Joel and Brenda Holifield of Long Beach.

Nora K. Prince of Ocean Springs, who received the Ethel Whatley Kroker scholarship, which is given to a capable and deserving student with financial

need.

A 24-year-old senior majoring in architectural engineering technology, Prince is the daughter of Bill and Libby Prince of Ocean Springs.

Lauren J. Lizana of Pass Christian, who received the General Scholarship Endowment, which is given to students recommended by Financial Aid to the director of the USM Foundation.

A 20-year-old senior majoring in speech-language pathology, Lizana is the daughter of Cecil

and Debra Lizana of Pass Christian.

Danielle Lind of Kiln, who received the American Legion Post 139, Clement R. Bontemps, Richard H. Thamess Memorial Scholarship, which is given to capable and deserving students with preference to residents of Hancock County who maintain a "C" average.

A 20-year-old junior majoring in marketing, Lind is the daughter of Robert and Pam Lind of Kiln.

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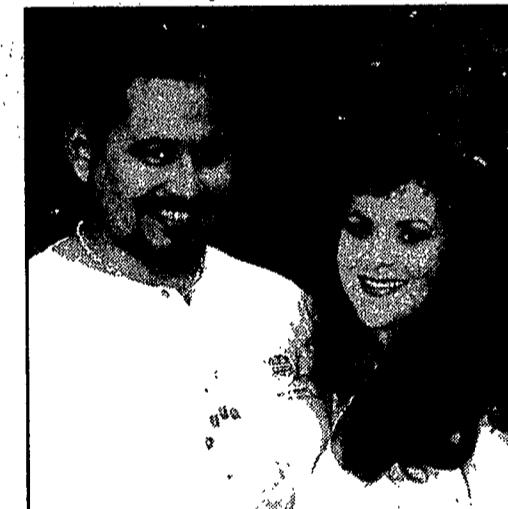
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Nino and Diana have been married for nine years and have three small children. They have been in the herbal supplement business for four years and have experienced some amazing results of their own. Diana has lost over 120 pounds and Nino has lost 50 pounds and have kept it off! Diana also had a bout with cervical cancer and is now 100% recovered without any type of surgery or drugs other than the natural products she promotes. Their eight year old son suffers from Attention Hyper Deficit Disorder and has never taken any harsh drugs but only takes their 100% natural Herbal Products and now you would never know he has this illness. Nino has suffered for several years with severe heart burn and reflux and now has no symptoms while taking these natural products. Diana says that there are occasions when her children have seen a doctor however, once they are diagnosed she knows what herbal supplements to give them without them having to take any kind of prescription drugs.

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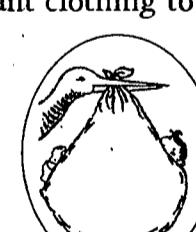
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Five USM students earn consortium fellowships

Five graduate students from the University of Southern Mississippi have received scholarships as part of a remote sensing program at Stennis Space Center.

The program is part of the Mississippi Space Commerce Initiative, a partnership between the state of Mississippi, the Mississippi Research Consortium, NASA and private industry.

The MSCI Graduate Studies in Remote Sensing Program awards 10 research fellowships each year to students who attend one of the four universities of the Mississippi Research Consortium - University of Mississippi, Jackson State

University, Mississippi State University and USM.

The scholarships, valued at \$12,000 with a support package of \$8,000, are awarded for studies related to the research needs of the industry members of MSCI. The USM recipients are:

Julie M. Ford, a graduate student in geology who is from Crestview, Fla. Her research project is "Wetlands, Lithologic and Erosion Definition using Multispectral and Hyper-spectral Imagery, Camp Shelby, MS," detects change at selected wetland and erosion locations using historical, conventional photography, as well as panchromatic, thermal infrared and hyperspectral imagery.

Tyrus A. Cohan of Hattiesburg, a graduate student in geography and planning. His research project, "Assessing Fire Risk using Hyperspectral Imagery in South Florida," uses a region of the Florida Everglades to examine the relation between spectral qualities and the biological components of a landscape with respect to the area's potential for fire development.

Donna G. Thomas of Slidell, a graduate student in marine sciences. Her research project, "Application of SeaWiFS to Determine the Bio-optical Conditions Associated with Harmful Algal Blooms," will define the spatial and temporal

variability of the bio-optical properties along coastal regions of the Gulf of Mexico and correlate them with the occurrence of harmful algal blooms.

M.J. Miller of Carriere, a doctoral student in scientific computing. His research project, "Implementation of an Object Oriented Distributed Parallel Processing and Storage System," will use leading-edge technology as a basis for the data processing and storage needs of remote sensing data.

David C. Hughes of Hattiesburg, a graduate student in computer science. His research project is Hyper-spectral Algorithm Development for Water Applications."

NASA supporters given credit for FY 2000 budget appropriation

Thanks to support from across the nation and throughout our local communities, NASA's funding is in place for fiscal year 2000.

On Oct. 20, President Clinton signed the appropriations bill which included NASA's funding for fiscal year 2000. The bill included more than \$13.6 billion for the space agency, an additional \$74.3 million over the President's original request.

"Three months ago, NASA's budget potentially faced more than a \$1 billion reduction," NASA Administrator Dan Goldin said in a written statement.

"With the signing of the bill, we can breathe a collective sigh of relief. It was because all of our voices were heard that the Congress responded. You, our contractors, space advocacy groups, students, teachers and citizens who cared about NASA shared their concerns with their elected representatives.

The Congress and the President recognize that the work you do will help open the space frontier, develop new technologies, strengthen our economy and enrich lives in the new century."

In July, Partners for Stennis issued a statement calling for a united effort to stop Congress from proceeding with the House Appropriations Subcommittee vote to slash the NASA budget. Partners for Stennis, lead by president Dr. Martin Berry of Picayune, is an advocacy group of Mississippi and Louisiana leaders, organized in the mid-1990s to promote and support the activities and agencies based at Stennis.

The proposed cuts would have meant that, locally, Stennis would have major cutbacks in the areas of shuttle support, and possible elimination of Earth Sciences and

Commercial Remote Sensing programs.

"We at Stennis should be very pleased with the signing of this bill," Stennis Space Center

Director Roy Estess said. "This bill includes new work for Stennis, and we thank both the Mississippi and Louisiana delegation for their support."

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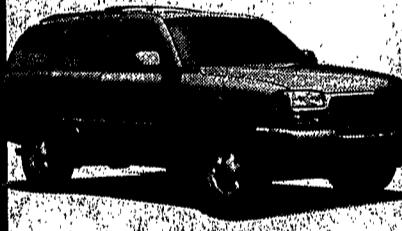


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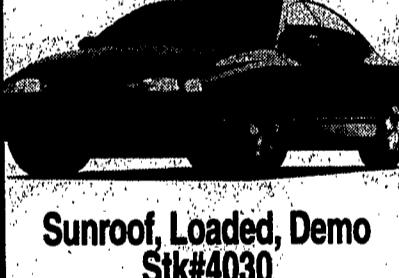
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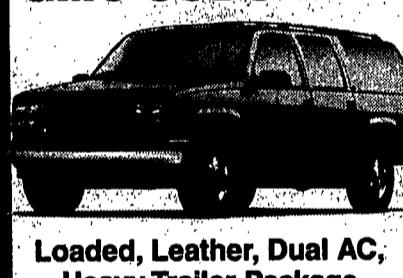
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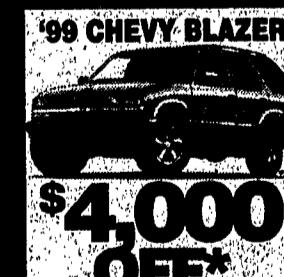
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Santa Claus will be on hand to greet the children, along with other Christmas festivities.

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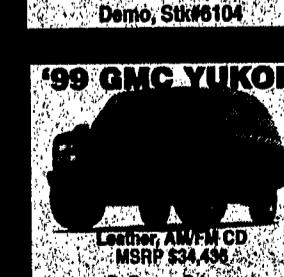


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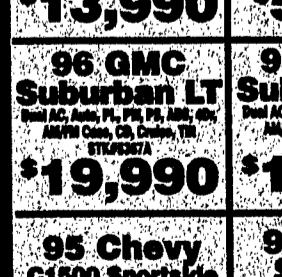
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Hancock Chamber News

Business After Hours
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Chamber members are invited to bring business cards or brochures to be placed on a special "Shop Hancock County for the Holidays" table. Admission is two business cards. The event is open to Chamber members and guests.

Chamber Christmas Party

Eaton and Cottrell, P.A. will host a Chamber Christmas Party on Thursday, December 16 at the Bay St. Louis Depot, beginning at 5 p.m.

Credit union officers attend national meeting

James L. "Sandy" Rogers, president and CEO, and Debbie Reno, vice president of marketing of the Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union, recently attended the National Association of Community Credit Unions' first national meeting at the Reno Hilton in Reno, Nevada.

The newly-formed National Association of Community Credit Unions (NACCU) is an association dedicated to assisting community credit unions in fulfilling their twin missions of serving their members and providing credit union access for all who desire it.

Rogers and Reno joined over 100 executives from credit unions in over 40 states at the first annual Community Credit Union Forum where they participated in industry-related panel discussions, legislative briefings from state and national credit union leaders, and various educational sessions.

The Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union, formerly the Gulfport VA Federal Credit Union, was granted a community charter in July, 1999, enabling the institution to serve those who live, work, worship, or attend school in Harrison or Hancock County.

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As you enter retirement, you may well need investment income to supplement your other financial resources — Social Security, retirement plan distributions, etc.

In other words, you will probably need different amounts of investment income at different times of your life. But where, exactly, should you put your money? Consider the following:

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While no investment is risk-free, your principal is generally safe in good-quality bonds held to maturity.

However, you still risk losing purchasing power to inflation. But some income-producing

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• **High-quality utility stocks** — Until a few years ago, natural gas and electric companies paid investors steady dividends, but offered less potential for brisk price appreciation.

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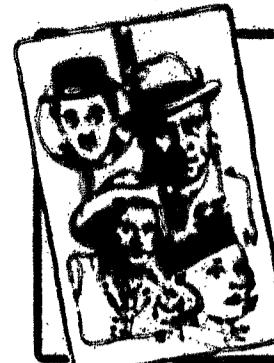
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ENTERTAINMENT

Beauvoir Candlelight Christmas scheduled

The annual Beauvoir Candlelight Christmas celebration will occur from 5:30-8 p.m. on December 10-11. Visitors will take a sentimental journey starting with our antebellum roots, the Civil War, through the Davis period and the Soldiers Home.

The theatre of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library will become the Jefferson Davis Soldiers Home Assembly Hall.

The featured entertainment will be "Full Circle", a local a cappella group.

Harking back to the four-part harmony of the barbershop quartets with the current return to four- or five-member vocal groups, this group has truly come full circle!

The "Davis Family" will hold a traditional Victorian open house in their home.

Jefferson, Varina, and Winnie will share their favorite Christmas traditions as they take you through Beauvoir House.

Beauvoir House will be decorated in true Victorian style by the Beach Garden Society. The magnolia leaves and pine cones

gilded by the Bessie Hunt Dantler Chapter 14, Children of the Confederacy.

The Victorian tree located in the back parlor will be adorned with handmade ornaments created by the Margaret Davis Hayes Chapter 520, Children of the Confederacy.

Jolly old St. Nick will be on hand to listen to the children's (and grown-ups) Christmas wishes. There will also be a special workshop in which guests may participate in making Victorian-style crafts and ornaments.

Visit a Civil War encampment and hear the actual words of the Confederate soldier from letters they wrote home during the holidays.

This is based on book of authentic letters, *Christmas Past* by Jim Woodruff. Stop back in time as Varina Davis reminisces about the last Christmas at the Confederate White House.

Call on Jams and Sophronia Brown, the original owners of Beauvoir, as they share their antebellum traditions.

For a true taste of Christmas

past, Victorian-style refreshments will be served. Members of the Beach Garden Society and the Biloxi Beauvoir Chapter 623, UDC will serve as hostesses.

Children are also in the spotlight this year.

Decorations for the Confederate Memorial Christmas Tree located in the Chapel of the Confederate Museum were made by students from McCaughan Elementary School in Long Beach. Other talented students will participate in the musical portion of the celebration.

Beauvoir Candlelight Christmas is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased at the door from 5:30-7:45 p.m. with the last tour departing the Presidential Library at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$7.50 for adults; \$6.75 for seniors (65 and over), AAA, active military, and \$4.50 for students (6 and older).

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For tickets, visit the theatre box office or call 1-800-946-2946 ext. 2804.

A New Year's party package, including Grand hotel accommodations, is also available. For \$699 per couple, guests can stay two nights (Dec. 30 & 31, 1999 or Dec. 31, 1999 & Jan. 1, 2000) and enjoy the unforgettable Millennium Celebration party. For reservations, call 1-800-354-2450. All party packages must be purchased in advance and are non-refundable. Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend. "After 5" attire suggested for the Millennium Celebration party.

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"And...awa-aay we go..." Grand Casino Biloxi and Dick Peeney Productions present a musical comedy tribute to the great Jackie Gleason in the Great Gleason Show.

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And now you can relive those hilarious memories during this fabulous recreation of the original Jackie Gleason Show. You'll see the complete cast of characters including Ralph Kramden, Reggie Van Gleason, The Pooch, Joe the Bartender & Crazy Guggenheim, the June Taylor Dancers, Alice, Trixie and, of course, Ed Norton. It's a show unlike anything the Gulf Coast has seen and it's only at Grand Casino Biloxi. "How sweet it is."

Show times: 3 p.m. Sunday & Wednesday;

8 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday (no shows on Mondays).

Tickets: \$9.95 matin-

nees, \$12.95 evening shows. Call 1-800-WIN-2-WIN. Special group rates available. Tickets also available through TicketMaster.

Life of Luxury Sweepstakes-\$70,000 Grand Finale Giveaway

Biloxi Drawing: Thursday, December 16 at 9 p.m.

This holiday season, Grand Casino Biloxi is letting you choose your prize in our finale "Life of Luxury Sweepstakes" drawing.

If your name is called at the drawing, you'll have the chance to pick your prize - a 2000 Mercedes ML 320 SUV, 2000 Mercedes E320W sedan, or a 2000 GMC Sierra Z71 truck.

As an added bonus, you can choose one of ten combinations to the holiday safe filled with \$20,000 cash. If you pick the right combination, you win the cash.

Earn entries now until Dec. 16 by using your Grand Advantage Players Club card while playing slots and table games.

The more you play, the more entries you can earn.

Must be a Grand Advantage card member. Promotion may be canceled at any time. Complete details available at the Grand Advantage Players Club Center.

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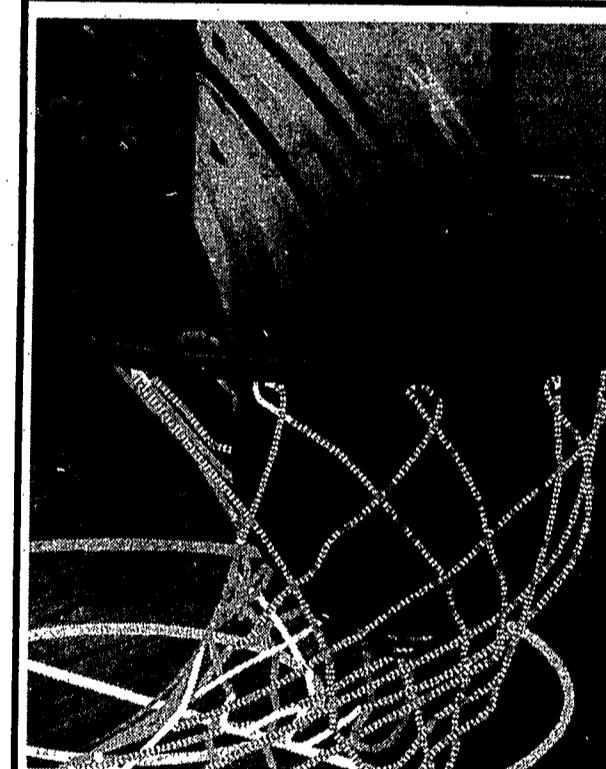
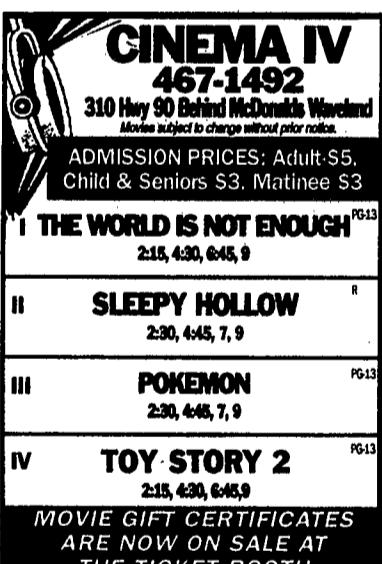
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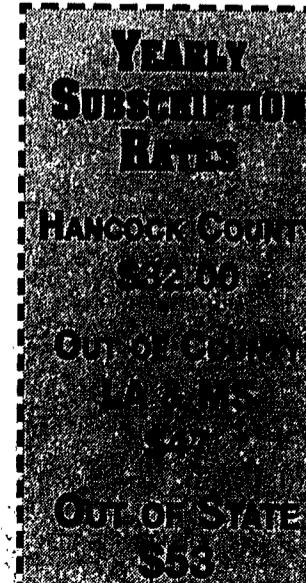
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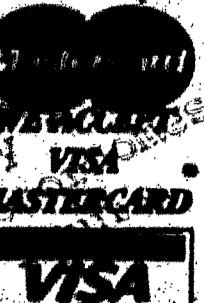
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STUMP GRINDING. FREE ESTIMATES. 255-8734.

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WE CUT, CLIMB, AND PRUNE TREES, haul trash, clear lots, bushhog, haul fill spread dirt. Also, firewood. Free estimates. 463-9075, 617-9154/cell.

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81 Appliances

1/REFRIGERATOR, 1/DRYER, 1/FREEZER, 1/washer. Your choice \$100 each. 9000 New bricks, 15¢ each. 466-4824

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128 Boats & Motors

14' FLAT BOTTOM W/9.9. OUTBOARD motor, excellent condition 466-9982 after 5:00 p.m.

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255-3082

SAND & GRAVEL

130 Motorcycles

1997 YAMAHA 4 WHEELER TIMBER wolf 250 floor boards and racks. Excellent condition. \$2,800 obo 467-9673.

136 Automobiles

1991 DODGE MONOCO, 4 DR, V-6, RUNS good. \$1,500 obo. 255-6737.

82 CROWN VIC., GREAT CONDITION, \$2,500. 255-7039.

147 Apartments For Rent

NEW UPSCALE 2/BR/2BA CONDO. W/ vaulted ceilings, inside utility room, large kitchen, separate dining. Ceramic tile, oversized bathtub, screened deck, plenty of storage. 2 min. from I-10. From \$695/mo., 1-yr. lease. Call Brasher Steel, 255-1115.

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NOTICE ABANDONED VEHICLES

1990 Honda Accord LX
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This vehicle will be sold on or after 30 days after 1st publication

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Address: 1002 Old Spanish Trail
City: Waveland, MS 39576
Phone: (228) 467-2648
11/21, 11/28, 12/5/99

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1995 Chevrolet Cavalier (purple)
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138 Trucks, Vans

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146 Rooms For Rent

ROOM FOR RENT PLUS USE OF household, \$250/month, cable TV. 466-9058. Dean.

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1BR APARTMENT, HAS STOVE & ICE BOX, a/c-heat, 208 Carroll Ave., Apt. G, B.S.L. \$300 + \$200 deposit. 228-467-5662 or 228-467-4613.

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2/BR 1/BATH ALL ELECTRIC 467-9278.

2/BR UPSTAIRS, PET FREE, SHORE Line Park, stove/refrigerator. Some furnishings. \$325/mo. \$250/dep. Available weekly 463-1281.

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161 Condo/Rental/Sale

DIAMONDHEAD CONDO: 2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, great location near golf course, \$61,000. 228-586-0767.

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SUZETTE N. ZOERNER, PLAINTIFF

RONALD A. ZOERNER, DEFENDANT
SUMMONS
CAUSE NO. 99-0847

(Service by Plaintiff, ZOERNER, SUZETTE N. vs. ZOERNER, RONALD A.)
You are hereby summoned to appear, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint, to CECIL G. WOODS, JR., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. BOX 993, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI 38830.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED, OR DELIVERED TO THE PLAINTIFF THREE DAYS AFTER THE 6TH DAY OF Dec. 1999, which is the FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO MAILED, OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your answer with the Clerk of this court within a reasonable time afterward.

(SEAL)
Dated: 12/2/99

HONORABLE TIM KELLAR, Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Lamrell Scarborough
Publish: 12/5; 12/12; 12/19/99

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LUCILLE MCKEVENITT, DECEDATED
BY PRISCILLA MILLER
ADMINISTRATRIX

SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 98-0985

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF
LUCILLE MCKEVENITT, DECEDATED

BY PRISCILLA MILLER

ADMINISTRATRIX

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff, PRISCILLA MILLER, Administratrix of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, has filed a Petition for Probate of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, and the Court has issued an Order for the Probate of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, and has appointed the Plaintiff, PRISCILLA MILLER, Administratrix of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, to administer the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, and has issued an Order for the Probate of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, and has appointed the Plaintiff, PRISCILLA MILLER, Administratrix of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, to administer the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, and has issued an Order for the Probate of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, and has appointed the Plaintiff, PRISCILLA MILLER, Administratrix of the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, to administer the Estate of Lucille Mckevitt, deceased, 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Fired -- board terminates Gauthreaux

District hired Kent Whitfield, an independent Certified Public Accountant from Picayune, to audit the District's books in 1997 and 1998.

In the most recent audit completed Feb. 25, 1999, a copy of which was furnished to the Echo by the state auditor's office, Whitfield listed four areas of concern. Some were noted in the 1997 audit, but were not remedied by the close of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, 1998.

Among Whitfield's findings were:

- "The District does not maintain a formal double entry general ledger system and has not developed an accounting procedures manual."

Whitfield said the effect of this deficiency is that "The District may not have accurate interim financial information upon which they can make financial decisions."

- "The District does not maintain customer adjustment registers as generated by the billing program."

Whitfield warned the District, "Unauthorized adjustments to customer accounts could allow fraud or theft to occur and not be detected in a timely manner."

- "Quotes as required under Mississippi law were not obtained prior to making purchases."

Whitfield explained state law requires all government agencies to advertise for bids on all purchases over \$10,000, and to obtain two written quotes for all purchases between \$1,500 and \$10,000.

"The district should strictly comply with state purchasing laws," Whitfield advised.

- "The District did not have safe keeping receipts for all collateral pledged by each bank and did not have a Collateral Security Agreement from each bank."

Whitfield said state law requires pledged collateral for all deposits of government agencies equal to 105 percent of the balance not insured by FDIC insurance coverage because in the event of bank failure, the District may not be compensated for all funds on deposit with that bank.

He recommended the District obtain Collateral Security Agreements from all banks where funds are deposited and should obtain and retain safe keeping receipts for all pledged securities.

"This Water and Sewer District is subject to the same scrutiny of the state auditor as the county or any other public body taking in revenue and expending public funds," said Johnson. "We're a public body, formed to serve the community, and we're accountable to that community."

Johnson said the auditor's findings were later confirmed by the district's software consultant and a bookkeeper brought in from Picayune.

Johnson said, on behalf of the District, he asked Whitfield last month to further "clarify" his findings.

In a letter to the Commissioners Nov. 16, Whitfield said the state auditor noted the lack of maintaining a general ledger system as "a management point in the Sept. 30, 1997 audit and because of the lack of progress in this area (it) was noted as a material weakness in the Sept. 30, 1998

audit."

Whitfield added, "Another consequence of not maintaining up to date financial information in the form of a general ledger system is that, for the years ending Sept. 30, 1998 and 1997, the district has not been in compliance with Mississippi law which requires the District to publish certain financial information within 90 days of year end. Because records were not maintained, this information was not available within the required 90 day period," Whitfield wrote.

Johnson also asked Whitfield to determine if accounting was being done in accordance with requirements of the state's revolving loan fund agreements, since the District has obtained some funding from that source.

"With the absence of a general ledger, I believe it would be impossible to be in compliance with the intent of this provision," wrote Whitfield.

Johnson, who is in the contracting business, said when he was first appointed to the board more than a year ago, he spent the first six months getting acquainted with the work of the District, and with the staff Gauthreaux had assembled.

The more he learned, the more questions he would ask Gauthreaux, he said, "But, whenever I wanted some specific information, she would stonewall, and say, 'I work for the Board. I'll give you that if the Board orders me to do it,'" said Johnson.

"This board is a public board, and it was appointed to serve the public, and is charged with the huge task of sewerizing most of this county. And, now, we've got the funds to put water lines

into Shoreline Park," said Johnson.

"I'm concerned when a potential businessman wants to link up to the sewerage and is told we don't (the district) have the funds to run 1,000-feet of pipe for him. But, we can find the funds for two new trucks and office computers."

Johnson said no one was more surprised than he when Gauthreaux refused a \$3,000 raise offered to her by the District in a meeting last April 8.

The minutes show that Johnson made the motion to raise Gauthreaux's salary from the current \$24,500 to \$27,500, and also recommended raises for the District's other employees.

Gauthreaux was charged with preparing the minutes of all meetings, Johnson explained.

"Later, in that same meeting, we also voted to include our employees in the county's retirement system," said Johnson.

"With our pledge to pay 9.75 percent of the employees wages into the retirement fund, the total package amounts to a raise of more than 20 percent," said Johnson.

The minutes show that Gauthreaux said her raise "was not acceptable," gave her two weeks notice, and left the meeting "very upset."

Johnson said Gauthreaux returned to work, however, for the District's recessed meeting on April 30, and balked when he made a motion for the District to hire a part-time bookkeeper, as recommended by the auditor.

According to the minutes,

Gauthreaux said, "I'm totally against it. We don't need a bookkeeper, we need another body in here."

The motion passed, with Commissioners Richard Klimkiewicz and Beanie Zoerner joining with Johnson. District chairman Al Smith obtained, as did Commissioner Sid Davis.

Gauthreaux told the board she didn't advertise for the bookkeeper position because she did not think the board authorized her to advertise, but she did ask the state unemployment office "to send applicants to us in May."

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Special Holiday

Second Saturday

Old Town invites you to spend the day celebrating the holidays with art & music.

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Tree lighting & caroling at the Courthouse at 5pm.

Merchants will donate a portion of the day's proceeds to "Save Our Children"

December 11
11am - 8pm

Haven -- community pitching in

Hope Haven and \$1,500 to the Hancock County Food Pantry.

• Teacher Elaine Lizana organized a collection of canned goods and cleaning supplies for the shelter as part of the local schools "Red Ribbon Week."

• The Good Life bar on Beach boulevard in Bay St. Louis is holding weekly oyster shucking fundraisers.

• Diamondhead Men's Golf League collected canned goods and over \$100.

• St. Clare Catholic School donated hundreds of canned goods to the shelter.

• Main Street Methodist Church raised over \$300

through their youth program.

• Diamondhead Community Church sent in over \$300.

• Shoreline Baptist Church youth group visited the shelter for Thanksgiving with treats and, are bringing a Christmas tree and decorating the house.

• Diamondhead Methodist Church donated hand-sewn lap quilts to the children of Hope Haven.

• Gulfside Methodist Assembly hosted the staff and children for Thanksgiving service.

• And, Garden Isles Community Association donated a 25-pound turkey with all

the trimmings.

More fund-raising activities are ahead, Latham said.

This Sunday, Carole and Mary's Olde Town Restaurant at 119 Main Street are creating a "Yellow Brick Road" in their parking lot, and invites supporters to come out and sign a brick and make a donation to Hope Haven.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, Terry Stokes, renowned headliner at local casinos, is staging a benefit show for Hope Haven at the President Casino's Broadwater Resort Hotel. The 7 p.m. show also includes the band ISIS and comedians Dave Carey and

Terry Comeaux. Tickets priced at \$10 and \$15 are available at the Olde Town Restaurant or call Legacy Entertainment at 255-8560.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, local bikers from throughout the coast will again participate in the "Ride for Hope," and will make a cash donation to Hope Haven and donate toys to the Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund.

In addition, Latham said several players from the Mississippi Sea Wolves hockey team plan to visit the Hope Haven shelter on Christmas Day.

Audit -- areas of concern

phenomenal growth. The district has since become a water and sewer district, and construction is now under way to more than double its customer base, and future plans are to also provide water to Shoreline Park sometime next year.

Last August, Gauthreaux filed a federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Biloxi, alleging sexual harassment and discrimination by at least three members of the five-member board.

She alleges numerous violations of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and requests the judge to

award her unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

The district has hired Annette Ball with the local law firm of Eaton & Cotrell to defend it in the lawsuit, and Ball confirmed she recently filed a motion to dismiss, contending the District doesn't fall under regulations of Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act, since it only employs about 10 people.

Ball said her motion has not been heard as yet. But, Gauthreaux said her attorney, Psonya Wilson with the Gulfport law firm of Carol L.

Henderson, amended the original suit to name as defendants the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, which employs a large enough work force to come under the Title 7 provisions.

Newman told the Echo she was hired by Gauthreaux in September of 1998, and served as office clerk, assisting customers, filing and answering the phones. She said her termination was not unexpected, following a work performance evaluation given her two weeks ago by Hynes. "It was all negative," she said.

Artwalk -- Second Saturday

singers are invited to join. The groups will be meeting on the courthouse steps at 2 p.m., but Sylvia Young, music coordinator, says that "drop-ins" are welcome as well.

Many groups will be appearing throughout the day including the Bay High Choir, who will be performing at 2:30 on the courthouse steps.

The First Baptist Church

Choir, will be singing in the sanctuary of their Main St. Church (located across from the courthouse) at 4 p.m.

At 4:30, the Main Street United Methodist Church choir will perform on the courthouse steps. The "God's Singing Stars," the children's choir from the Methodist Church will sing at 4:50, with the tree lighting ceremony to take place at 5 p.m.

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Group caroling after the lighting of the tree will be lead by Emmet and Wanda Pillault.

In addition, many galleries in town will be hosting art opening events throughout the early evening. For further information, contact Ellis Anderson at 467-7279 or Vicki Niolet at 467-8318.

Christmas to highlight library story hour at Bay-Hancock

"Christmas" is the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

The Night Before Christmas and *Born in a Stable* are books to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist children in making Christmas angels.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

The Kiln Library and the Pearlington Public Library host a story hour every other Thursday.

Programs and activities are

designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; Caprice Smith, Pearlington Public Library, 533-0755; or Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County

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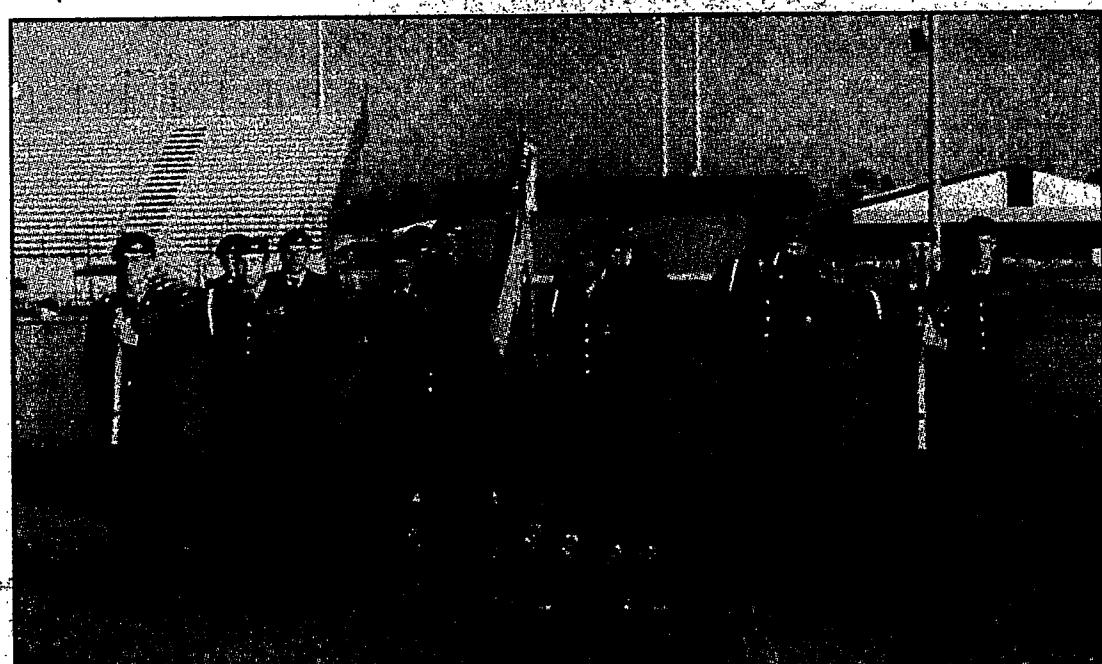
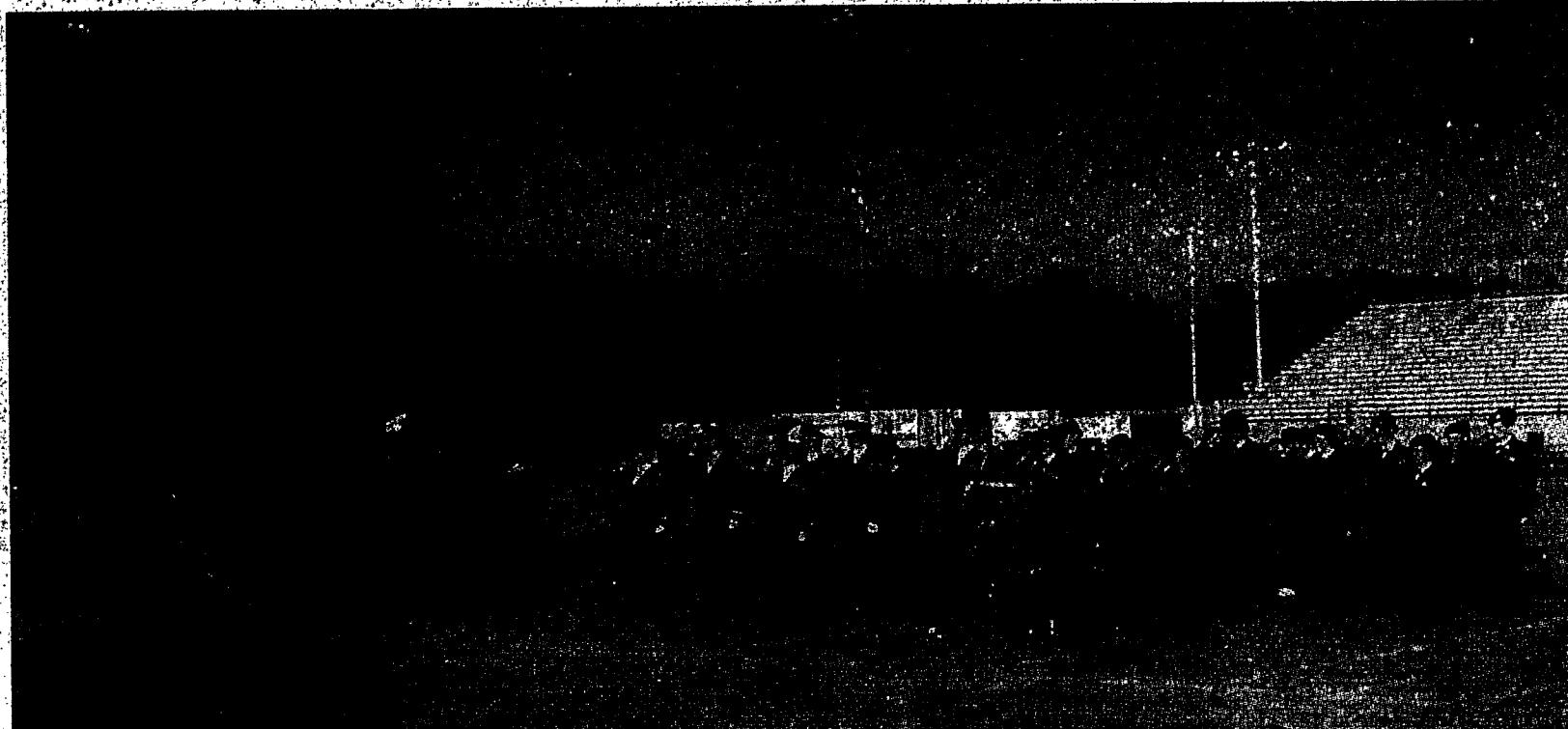
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Flying high, and being all they can be



Hancock High's award-winning Army JROTC male drill team.



Hancock High's award-winning Army JROTC female drill team.

Hancock, Bay students enjoy ROTC

BY GEOFF BELCHER

When Hancock and Bay High Schools' JROTC drill teams finished first and third, respectively, in recent regional competitions -- for the second time in three years -- it wasn't just an accident or a coincidence.

It was because of hard work, training, discipline and dedication -- qualities not always associated with high schoolers.

But apparently, those qualities are always associated with Hancock High School's Army JROTC and Bay High's Air Force JROTC. Just ask the cadets themselves.

Like Cadet Col. Audie Murphy, named after his father who in turn was named after World War II's most-decorated veteran. Murphy, a Bay High Senior, joined the ROTC program when he was in the ninth grade.

"I grew up on an Air Force base,"

Murphy said. "We lived in Great Falls, Montana, and ... Eglund Air Force Base in Florida. I always knew I wanted to join the military when I was old enough, and this has been great training for me."

Cadet Eddie Beckett, a senior in his third year in the ROTC, didn't grow up in the military, but he loves it all the same.

"Someone recommended it to me," Beckett said. "So I tried it. Now I'm joining the military after high school. (My goal right now) is to be the best there is in the ROTC."

All the cadets at both schools seem to think ROTC gives them a sense of pride they couldn't get anywhere else.

"I like the uniforms and the discipline," Cadet Kevin Hill, a sophomore in his second year at Hancock High's ROTC said. "It's really helped in my personal life. ... I don't get in trouble

anymore, and I make better grades."

Hill, like Beckett now

plans a career in the military after high school.

And it isn't just for the

boys.

"I have plans to go into the military after high school, too," Cadet Brandy Benson, a junior at Hancock High with four semesters in ROTC.

"I joined, and I really like it, and now I'm commander of the drill team and I

have a lot of fun."

"If you used to be shy,"

Cadet Kristie Evans, a

senior, said, "if you get in ROTC, you'll

be able to speak in front of large groups of people. It can help you in your regular life, not just in the Army."

Bay High's award-winning Air Force JROTC drill team.

"I wanted a higher sense of responsibility," Cadet DeAnna Necaise, a sophomore, said.

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What's for Lunch?

DECEMBER 6-10

Menus Dec. 6-10

Bay St. Louis-
Waveland
School District
Chef Salad, Milk
and Condiments
served daily

BREAKFAST

Monday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice.

Tuesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice.

Wednesday: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice.

Thursday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice.

Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday: Beef Patty with Rice and Gravy, Nachos Grande, Seasoned Lima Beans, Calif. Veggies, Garden Salad with Dressing, Tropical Fruit Mix, Applesauce, Fresh Orange Smiles, Yeast Roll.

Tuesday: Stromboli, Hamburger with Trimmings, Spicy Fries, Broccoli, Cheese and Rice, Orange Glazed Carrots, Melon Cubes, Strawberries and Peaches, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Peanut Butter Chews.

Wednesday: Soft Taco Supreme, Roast Beef Poboy with Gravy, Parslied New Potatoes, Black Bean Salad, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Chilled Pears, Chilled Pineapple, Yellow Cake with Chocolate Icing.

Thursday: Pepperoni Pizza, Ham and Cheese Poboy with

Trimmings, Whole Kernel Corn, Buttered Peas, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Peach Slices, Mandarin Fruit Cup, Fresh Banana, Jell-O with Whipped Topping.

Friday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice and Sausage, Corn Dog, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fruit Cocktail, Devil's Food Delight Cake, Crackers.

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North Central
Gulfview and
Charles B. MurphyElementary
Schools

Served daily:

Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup
Sweet and Sour
Sauce/Salsa
BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or
Taco Sauce
BREAKFASTMonday: Flapsticks, Juice.
Tuesday: Ham Biscuit,
Juice.Wednesday: Grilled Cheese
Sandwich, Juice.
Thursday: Ham Biscuit,
Juice.Friday: Waffles, Juice.
LUNCHMonday: BBQ Chicken,
Nachos Grande, Cold Roast
Beef on Bun, Oven-baked
Potato Wedges, Green Peas,
Tossed Salad, Fresh Orange
Wedges, Applesauce, Fruit
Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.Tuesday: Chicken Noodle
Soup and Sandwich, Ham andChicken Sandwich, Whole
Kernel Corn, Carrot Sticks with
Dip, Broccoli with Cheese
Sauce, Frozen Juice Bars,
Pineapple Tidbits, Crackers.Wednesday: Salisbury
Steak with Gravy, Chicken
Noodle Soup and Sandwich,
Whipped Potatoes, Ranch-style
Black Beans, Green Beans with
Potatoes, Peach Slices, Fruit
Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.Thursday: Ground Beef and
Spanish Rice, Hamburger, Spicy
Fries, Broccoli Salad, Tossed
Salad, Applesauce, Strawberry
Fruit Gelatin, French Bread,
Crackers.Friday: Steak Fingers, Hot
Dogs, Parsley-Butter Potatoes,
Calif. Veggies, Steamed Carrot
Coins, Diced Pears, Fruit
Cocktail, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.Bay St. Louis-
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Fries, Tossed Salad, Steamed
Carrot Coins, Applesauce,
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Waveland first graders mix chemistry at Discovery Center

First graders from Waveland Elementary visited the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport and got a little dose of chemistry.

"We want children to get excited about science", says Janet Young, chemistry instructor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, "and to realize that chemical reactions are not magic but occur due to scientific principles".

Young students interact with school groups at the Discovery Center through a grant from First Chemical.

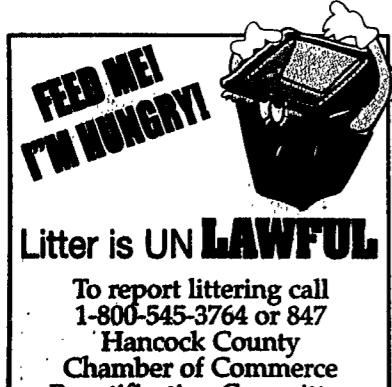
Students participated in several experiments on air pressure with amazing results.

Hillary Thomas and Jordan Sutherlin collapsed a capped plastic bottle by putting hot water inside the bottle thus decreasing the air pressure inside and causing it to collapse.

Katie Mallini combined lemon juice and baking soda to produce carbon dioxide which inflated a balloon.

In addition to the indoor and outdoor exhibits, the Discovery Center offers unique activities on the weekend. Upcoming events include decorative tile painting, a puppet show, outdoor concert and holiday crafts in the art studio.

For more information about the Discovery Center and weekend programs, call 228-897-6039 or visit the web site, www.lmdc.org.

Attention
Kmart Shoppers

In the Kmart December 5, 1999 weekly ad circular on page 33 features the Nintendo 64 Game "Monopoly". This item will not be available due to manufacturers delay in shipping.

We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.



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Friday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice and Sausage, Corn Dog, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fruit Cocktail, Devil's Food Delight Cake, Crackers.

Wednesday: Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Chicken Noodle Soup and Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes, Ranch-style Black Beans, Green Beans with Potatoes, Orange Wedges, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.

Thursday: Ground Beef and Spanish Rice, Hamburger, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Tossed Salad, Steamed Carrot Coins, Applesauce, Strawberry Fruit Gelatin, Assorted Fruit Juice, French Bread, Crackers.

Friday: Steak Fingers, Hot Dogs, Parsley-Butter Potatoes, Calif. Veggies, Steamed Carrot Coins, Diced Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Yeast Rolls, Crackers.

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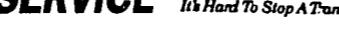
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Swilley-Purtow



Mr. and Mrs. Jalil Purtow

Desarae Diana Swilley of Bay St. Louis and Jalil Purtow of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, were united in marriage October 24, 1999 in an afternoon ceremony in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Officiating minister was Jody Champoux.

The bride is a daughter of Rhonda and Uria Swilley of Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents include Paula and Allen Ready of Bay St. Louis, Ruthie Smith of Gulfport, the late Edward Swilley, and Guy and Ruth Tarr of Mableton, Ga.

The groom's parents are Suzanne and Amad Purtow of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, and his grandparents are John and Mary Rayner of Oakham, Rutland, England.

A reception was hosted Nov. 7 at Bayou Phillip Community Center in Bay St. Louis. The couple resides in Bay St. Louis.

Ladner-Swilley

Lori Dee (Woodard) Ladner of Kiln and Uria Damien Swilley of Bay St. Louis were united in marriage November 10, 1999 in an afternoon ceremony in the Hancock County Civic Center in Bay St. Louis.

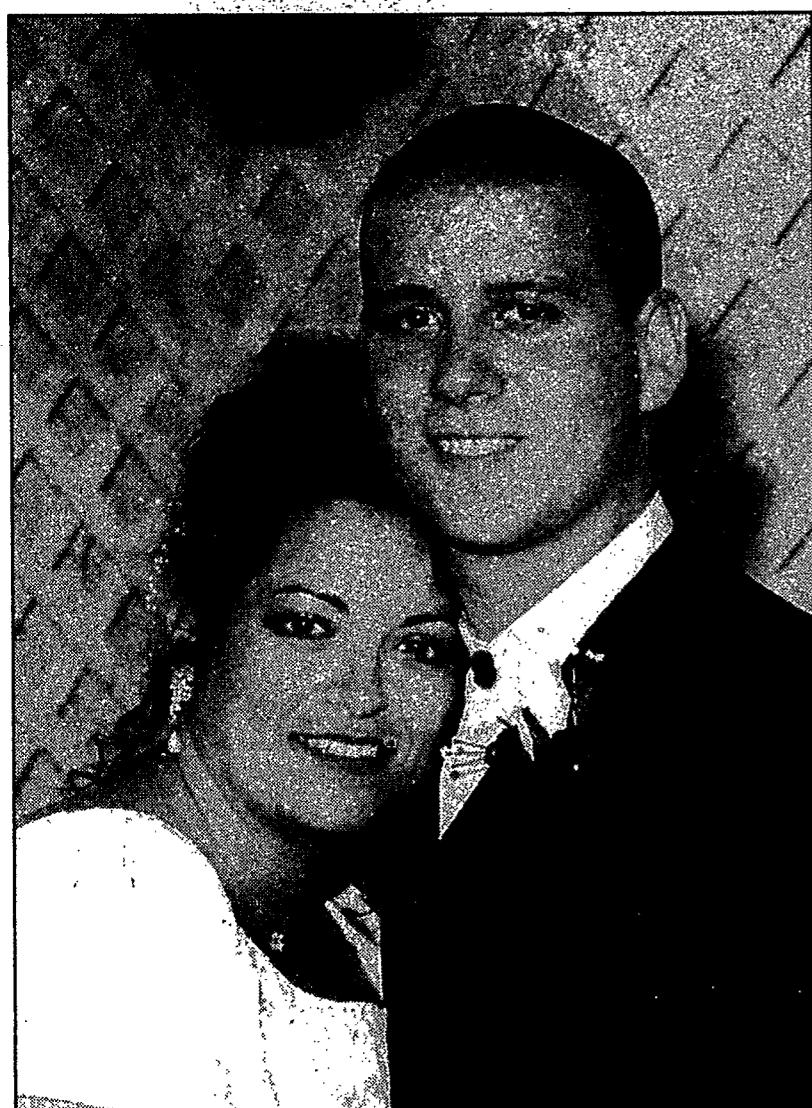
Officiating minister was Joseph Marandola.

The bride is a daughter of the late James A. Woodard and Ginger Woodard of Lizana. Her grandparents are Albert Woodard of Lafayette, Ga. and the late O'Lean Woodard, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ladner.

The groom's parents are Uria and Rhonda Swilley of Bay St. Louis. His grandparents include Paula and Allen Ready of Bay St. Louis and Guy and Ruth Tarr of Mableton, Ga., and Ruthie Swilley of Gulfport and the late Edward Swilley.

For the occasion the bride selected an ivory satin gown, with lace bodice and empire waist. Her headpiece consisted of real dried roses and pearls. Maid of honor was Mary Patton, and best man was Joey Dedeaux.

A reception followed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Kiln.



Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Swilley

Mississippi where she is a member of Phi Alpha Honor Society and is on the president's and dean's lists. Miss Myers is a granddaughter of Major (Ret.) and Mrs. James V. Cerra of Pass Christian and Mrs. Julius H. Myers of Brandon and the late Mr. Myers.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis and a senior majoring in business management at the University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed with the University of Southern Mississippi Publication and Printing.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Alexander of Long Beach and Mrs. Annie Mae Carmack of Long Beach and the late Mr. Floyd Williams.

The marriage will take place January 8, 2000 at 2 p.m. in St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

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Jane Lamb and Lady Bruce are coordinating this event as a Tech Prep activity that integrates academic and vocational education.

All teachers had the opportunity to involve their classes in this project. Call Jane Lamb of Bay High School at 467-6023 for information.

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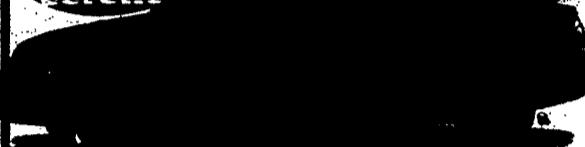
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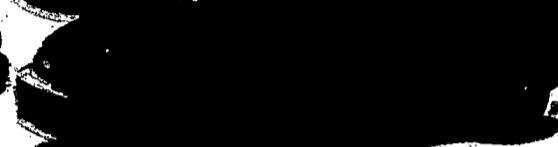
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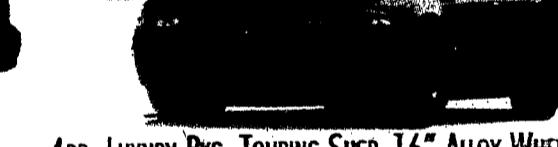
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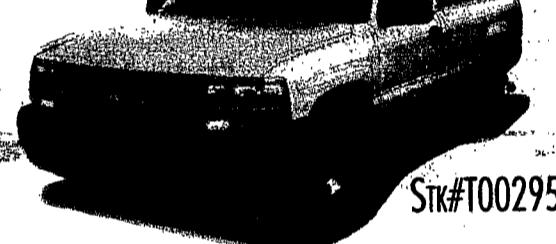
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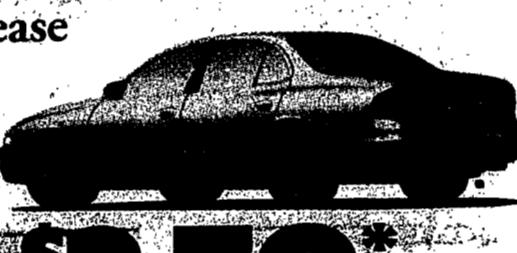
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Mr. and Mrs. Jason Garcia

St. Rose Gospel Choir to perform at Library Tree Gala

The St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir will perform at the Hancock County Library's 1999 Holiday Tree Gala, set for Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Other entertainment will include a special performance of Christmas music by the Waveland A Cappella Choir and storytelling by Gigi Hines.

More than 60 local businesses, organizations and schools will display decorated trees throughout the building.

"We invite the public to visit the library and enjoy an afternoon of music and activities," said Prima Plauche', library system director.

"We will have holiday music, storytelling, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, refreshments and beautiful trees."

Gigi Hines will perform in the Margaret Hicks Shadoin Children's Library for the children at 1:30 p.m.

Hines is a volunteer and performs motivational music for the at-risk children and teens at the Waveland Library Literacy Center.

She taught music at Hancock North Center Elementary School last year and was a part of the library system's summer reading program.

She enjoys working with children, and plans to tell the Christmas story through song at the Holiday Tree Gala.

The Bay-Waveland A Cappella Choir will perform at 2:15 p.m. in the main part of the library.

The choir, directed by Mary Howard, began in 1994 and is composed of members from all occupations and religions.

Sponsored by the Main Street United Methodist Church, the choir performs at nursing homes in the area, the homes of homebound seniors and in special concerts.

The St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir will perform at 3:15 p.m. in the main part of the library. Begun as a spin-off from the St. Rose Little Children's Choir organized by Marilyn Smith more than 20 years ago, the St. Rose Gospel Choir is non-denominational.

Members are Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian. The only requirement to be a member of the choir is to have a good voice and a desire to praise the Lord in song.

The choir has performed from New Orleans to Atlanta for such events as the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival; the House of Blues in New Orleans; the Biloxi Blues Fest; and everything else from county fairs and expos to weddings, funerals, revivals and conventions.

The choir's home base is St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, where they sing every Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. mass.

Thompson-Garcia

Elizabeth Anne Thompson of Bay St. Louis and Jason Lloyd Garcia, also of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage November 26, 1999 in an evening ceremony at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland with Father Noel Fannon officiating. Soloist was Kyle Madigan, and organist was Alana Rutledge.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Thompson of Bay St. Louis, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Garcia Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride's gown was fashioned from French satin from her maternal grandmother's wedding gown, overlaid with chiffon. The bodice and skirt hem were adorned with hand-beaded lace. Her chapel-length veil was fashioned from layered tulle held in place by a pearl tiara. The bride carried a clutch of white roses and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Emily Thompson.

Bridesmaids included Elysha Thompson, Stacy Garcia and

Marcie Bankston.

Best man was Philip Garcia, Jr., and ushers included Bobby Lamb, Michael Roth, Frank Klein, Chase Garcia and Garret Garcia.

A reception was held at the Jourdan River Shores Clubhouse.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted Nov. 20 by the groom's parents at Annie's Restaurant in Pass Christian.

Aug. 14, a cocktail party was given by aunts and cousins of the bride in the Bay St. Louis Depot.

A miscellaneous shower was hosted Sept. 5 by the sister and sister-in-law of the groom in the home of the groom's parents.

Another miscellaneous shower was given Sept. 18 by the aunts of the bride in the home of her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Betty Collier.

A lingerie shower was hosted Oct. 16 in the home of Jane Lamb given by the bride's sisters, and a cocktail party was hosted Nov. 25 by the parents of the groom at their home.

The couple will reside in DeLisle.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

Holiday blues can be beaten

"Thanksgiving day was terrible! The family met in our parents' home, but returning to the old household scene was unbearable. I feel awful. I dread the approach of Christmas. I just wish Christmas had already come and gone."

As you must have guessed, the lady just quoted had lost her mother a couple of weeks before, and this was the first holiday for the family to be together without both their mother and their father who had died eight years earlier.

The opening salvo against the holiday season was about a month late this year, coming two days after Thanksgiving day. Usually, the firing line is established well before Turkey Day, but this time I heard no earlier laments.

Death, of course, is the dread specter, the feared common denominator which haunts the lives of innumerable people around the world during this season of peace, hope and boundless joy. The loss of loved ones weighs heavy on each of us.

Separation and/or divorce is truly a form of death for a lot of people who don't hesitate to tell you exactly that. "In fact, I would prefer being dead," some will tell you. The aloneness and not belonging are terribly painful."

What aggravates the trauma of death in many families is the gnawing reality that mama and papa kept the family well in hand, but now the members are being torn ever further apart by petty jealousies and envies.

The closeness, camaraderie and sheer joys of family which once were are now replaced by apathy, suspicion, the grasping pursuit of properties, and the bane of ill will.

Which reduces the holidays to a travesty and joyous praise and celebration, a mockery of eternal life.

Pearlington St. Joseph Catholic Church December Events

December is a very special month in the church. The season of Advent began Sunday, Nov. 28 and is a time of preparation in preparing hearts, minds and souls for the coming of the Christ Child, Jesus, on Christmas Day.

Monthly Mass Schedule
Weekly Masses: follow the rosary, which begins at 8 a.m.

Sunday Mass is at 10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Confession before each Sunday Mass.

Christmas Eve Mass will be at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day Mass will be at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday: On Dec. 12, the parish Christmas party will be held in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please bring your favorite dish.

The youths of the parish will present a Christmas play; the choir will present a selection of Christmas music, followed by a Christmas sing-along, and Santa will arrive just in time for the drawing of the winner of the Christmas raffle.

Mondays: CYO meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. Ages 12 through 18 are invited to attend. Meetings are held in the church hall.

Tuesdays: The Parish Council will meet on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

Wednesdays: St. Joseph Devotions will be held each week before the morning mass.

Adult education classes every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For information, call the church office at 533-7968.

Dec. 8: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Choir practice is at 7:15 p.m. in the parish hall.

Fridays: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-7 p.m. Benediction follows at 7 p.m.

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With individualism rampant, the electronic church stock and trade, tapes, videos, and CDs innumerable, the public worship of God falls on hard times. With heavy emphasis on private devotions and, in some circles, on family worship, the corporate worship of the church takes a

back seat.

Throw in professional athletes and competition to corporate worship in the church is deep and broad.

Psalm 87:2 has a response.

"The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob." God chose to dwell in

Zion. He also told the people, "You shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there

for His dwelling" (Deuteronomy 12:5).

When David was driven out of Jerusalem into the wilderness, he was separated from Zion. David cried, "How lovely are your dwelling places,

O LORD of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the

LORD" (Psalm 84:1-2).

The dwelling places of Jacob

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were the tents, the homes, of the various families. Families worshipped privately. They also gathered for public worship. So it is today. From God's perspective, public worship should

never be forsaken in favor of private devotions, small group studies, or

family worship. "The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob."

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Y2K Dilemma
Over the past year, it seems we have been constantly hearing or reading about the Year 2000 problems that some believe we will be facing when the new year arrives. These problems are due to the fact that most computers were programmed to use only the last two digits to indicate the year, and that they will read the year 2000 as 1900. This could cause worldwide computer system failures or errors.

Although I am by no means a computer expert, and like everyone else, I don't know what to expect when the new year arrives, I do know that God is in control and He will still be in control on January first. Of course, everyone has to do what they feel is best to prepare for the new year, but God has taken us through greater problems than a digit change. Our God is not a God of fear, and we should not become a fear-driven society. Psalm 46 tells us that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." We should not be fearful for we know that God's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in Him.

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